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FOREIGN FEARS.

STEPS BY DIPLOMATIC BODY.

POWERS ANXIOUS.

Meanwhile Further Nationalist Successes Reported

YENCHOW SAID TO HAVE FALLEN.

Steps by the Powers to accord adequate protection to foreigners in North China during the impending crisis are to be agreed upon at a meeting of the Diplomatic Body in Peking, states a Chinese cable from Shanghai.

Further successes for the Nationalist allies are indicated. After a brief halt to consolidate their gains, the Nationalists and the Kuomintang cavalry pushed on northward. Yenchow has been given up by the Northerners in the face of a dual attack and the Northerners have only about 10,000 men at Tai-an. The remainder of the shattered army is converging on Tsinanfu, on the Yellow River, the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Tsinan-Tsingtao Railways.

Alarm is felt in Tsinanfu, the capital of Shantung. Even in Northern circles, it is doubtful if it can be held against the allied drive.

ALARM AT TSINANFU.

The Diplomatic Body has fixed on a date for a conference to extend precautionary measures for the protection of foreigners in China. Tientsin is to be the centre of the measures, states the "Kung Sheng Yat Po," and the steps to be taken will be such that no misunderstanding can arise but will meet with the approval of all contending factions.

Northerners on Run.

Of most importance in the war, are the developments subsequent to the first Northern debacle.

General Chang Tsung-chang decided to vacate Yenchow (on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway) and retreated north to Tai-an. Here, only 10,000 men are attempting to dig in, the rest continuing to move north in semi-confusion.

Morale is badly shaken in the Northern ranks, states an overnight cable. Anxiety is entertained on account of Tsinanfu where the people are already in a panic.

Ironsides in the Van.

Latest reports are that the Nationalists advanced on Yenchow from the south, with the Cantonese Ironsides as the vanguard. The Kuomintang column's cavalry co-operated by pressing from the south-west.

Two of the Shantung (Northern) Generals claimed to have been captured are Lau Chee-luk (an ex-governor of Swatow) and Chan Sau-cheuk, both of whom were in Kwangtung during the Chan Kwing-ming regime. They trekked north a few years ago and joined the Peking faction.

The severity of the fighting can be gauged from the fact that although the Nationalists have been winning easily, they have had to send back big batches of wounded troops to Nanking, the capital.

Large numbers of casualties have arrived at Pukow (the terminus of the railway down from the front lines, opposite Nanking), says a British Naval Wireless despatch.

Other Fronts.

There is no reliable news from the Chihli-Shansi front.

On the Chihli-Honan front, it is confirmed that the main strength of the "Christian General's" Kuomintang has captured Taming (in the south of Chihli) but one Northern army is stated to be holding on to Fenglo (in extreme north of Honan), on the Peking-Hankow Railway, and keeping back the Kuomintang.

Approaching Tsinanfu.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Japanese reports from Tsinanfu suggest that the Nationalist vanguards were yesterday approaching Tsinanfu. This is borne out in an announcement by the British and American Consuls-General at Tsinanfu who have advised their respective nationals to leave in view of the fighting zone moving in that direction.

A Strategic Centre. Nationalist headquarters re-

BATHING BEACHES.

Four To Be Open To The Public.

FIRST OF NEXT MONTH.

Charges From Twenty Cents To Five Cents.

Four bathing beaches will be open for the use of the general public as from Tuesday, May 1. The North Point enclosure is that next to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. There is one at Kennedy Town as usual. Public facilities will be available at Repulse Bay, as indicated by the Government in reply to a question by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt. K.C., on Thursday. There is also the Tai Wan Bay beach at Kowloon. Charges of admission, per person, are as follows:—
20 cents: Repulse Bay,
10 cents: North Point (adjoining R.H.K.Y.C.) and Tai Wan Bay, Kowloon,
5 cents: Kennedy Town.

BULGARIA'S 'QUAKE.

100 BODIES RECOVERED FROM INUNDATIONS.

Sofia, Yesterday.

Except for a small area a quarter of a mile across, situated on high ground in the centre of the town, the whole of Philippopolis has suffered severely from the earthquake. A hospital and a number of churches are among the buildings destroyed and only a few houses are visible among the ruins of a score of villages.

The houses of Borjovgrad, which escaped the first earthquake, were demolished by the later visitation. A hundred bodies have so far been recovered and many more are under the ruins.

After the earthquake water spouted up from fissures, inundating the country-side. The population of Sofia is still in a state of panic and families are camping in the open.

The losses in these two earthquakes are estimated at several hundred million Levas.—Reuter.

80,000 Families Homeless.

Sofia, Later. The premier, in an interview at Philippopolis, said the earthquakes, of the 14th and 18th inst., destroyed the districts of 1,000 square kilometres extent and 80,000 families are homeless. The relief work is progressing. The casualties so far exceed 100 killed and 400 injured.

BRITISH CREDIT.

GOVERNMENT BONDS ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

WARM RECEPTION.

New York, Yesterday. The listing of British Government Bonds on the New York Stock Exchange has been most favourably commented upon as an important contribution to the internationalisation of the New York Market and to the stabilisation of the world market.

The "Herald Tribune" dwells upon the warm reception accorded to the issue by the public, which it interprets as reflecting unbounded confidence in the credit position and financial integrity of the British Government.—Reuter's American Service.

"RED" ACTIVITIES.

WHAT RIGA POLITICAL POLICE FOUND.

MOSCOW MONEY.

Riga, Yesterday. In the course of their searches the political police found documents relating to Communists subsidising and controlling "Left" newspapers and copies of important correspondence with Moscow. So far there have been 11 arrests.—Reuter.

PRINCESS MARY.

LEAVES MARSEILLES FOR HOME.

EGYPTIAN TOUR OVER.

Marseilles, Yesterday. Princess Mary and Princess Lascelles have left for London on their return from Egypt.—Reuter.

SOLDIERS' RUSE?

Another Shop Window Broken.

TWO PRIVATES.

Not The Way To Get Discharged, Says Magistrate.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, two soldiers of the Queen's Regiment, Pte. W. G. Hayes and Pte. T. Duffy, were charged with wilfully smashing in the early hours of the morning, a window of the Hong Kong Electric Light Company at 2 Queen's-road Central, and causing damage to the extent of \$20.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell in stating the charge said: "Do you think it funny to do this?"

"I have nothing to say, sir" answered Hayes.

Both the accused pleaded guilty and His Worship imposed a fine of \$100, with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour for both the culprits, and also ordered them to pay \$10 each as compensation to the Electric Company, or failing that to undergo a further sentence of seven days' hard labour.

In passing sentence His Worship said: "If you think you will be discharged from the Army, you are grossly mistaken."

RUBBER.

NEW RESOLUTION FROM CEYLON.

STILL UNDECIDED.

Colombo, Yesterday. After a long session the Ceylon Estates Proprietary Association have passed a resolution to the effect that "while favouring the im-

"FAIR TO SHOWERY."

Squally Weather Predicted For The Week-end.

The Observatory's weather forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is as follows:—

"South winds, moderate; squally, fair to showery."

The forecast applies to Hong Kong, the south coast of China between Hainan Island and the Lamocks, and Formosa Channel.

mediate removal of restriction on rubber exports or its gradual removal between now and November 1, this Association defers its definite decision until the receipt of further information concerning discussions at present in progress in Malaya and Ceylon.—Reuter.

BRITISH NAVY.

PERSONNEL OF 1913 AND THIS YEAR.

"FIRST LORDS" STATEMENT.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a written Parliamentary answer gives a comparison of the number of officers and ratings serving in the Royal Navy in 1913 and this year.

In January 1913, there were 9,489 officers and 128,607 ratings, the total being 138,096.

In January of this year there were 8,650 officers and 93,799 ratings or a total of 102,449.—British Wireless Service.

BOMBAY'S MILLS.

STRIKE SITUATION WORSE.

Bombay, Yesterday. The mill strike situation is growing worse, and in consequence strikers are succeeding in calling out other workers.

Twenty mills are now idle and 40,000 are on strike. This is twice the number that came out on strike on April 18, and the news comes as something of a surprise after yesterday's report that 15,000 had returned to work.—Reuter.

ARBITRATION.

ITALO-AMERICAN TREATY SIGNED.

Rome, Yesterday.

Treaty has been signed at Washington.—Reuter.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Blaze At Treaty Port Of Chungking.

1,000'S OF HOUSES BURNED.

City Of 600,000 People Far Up The Yangtze.

Chungking, Yesterday. Several thousands of houses were burned down in a very big fire which broke out here yesterday (Thursday) and swept the city.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Chungking is more than 1,400 miles up the Yangtze River, in the province of Szechuan, in the west of China Proper. It is a Treaty Port, accessible on the innermost stages of the River only to craft moved by coolies hauling ropes on the banks. The most reliable estimate of the population is 600,000, living in small houses piled up on the riverbank.)

Bandits Checked.

Ichang, Yesterday. The arrival of the commander of the 5th Independent Division of the Nationalist Army, General Liu Hsiung, has had a salutary effect on the local bandits.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Ichang is in the west of Hupeh province. It is 370 miles above Hankow and 462 miles below Chungking. The former commander, General Wei I-san, left with his army corps to join the Wu-Han Nationalist expedition which is helping the "Christian General" against Peking, and the 5th division has been sent up from Hankow to Ichang to take over the garrison duties.)

JAPANESE DIET.

"LIVELY" CEREMONY ANTICIPATED.

OPENING ON MONDAY.

Tokyo, Yesterday. A special session of the Diet has been convened. The opening ceremony of the session on April 23 is expected to be extremely lively, and will very possibly result in dissolution, or alternatively the resignation of the Government.

Votes of non-confidence in the Government collectively, and the Home Minister individually will be presented, and in addition the Government decision to despatch troops to China, though apparently approved by the majority of the Upper House, will be strongly attacked by the Minseitō and others. They are expected to oppose the big expenses connected with the expedition.

In the meantime, the vernacular papers are censuring the despatch of troops, which the Nichi Nichi contends is clearly against the wishes of the nation.

Protection of Japanese Lives. In a statement giving the reasons for the despatch of troops to China, the Government recalls that Japan, at the time she withdrew from Shantung last year, gave warning that she was prepared to take steps to send a further expedition for the protection of Japanese lives and property, if peace and order in the locality were again disturbed.

The Government emphasises that this action does not imply any unfriendly intention towards China of interference in the military operations of either faction. It declares that the troops will be withdrawn as soon as the danger is past.

As evidence of the close division in the Diet, the Government's candidate, Hajime Motoda, was elected Speaker of the Lower House by the narrow margin of two votes, with 230 votes against his opponent's 228. The only other candidate for the post was the Proletarian, Professor Abe, who obtained seven.

Mr. Hochi was suppressed for making allegations against the Home Minister of interference in the General Election.—Reuter.

THE BOLLWORM.

IMPORTANT COTTON DISCOVERY.

GOVERNMENT ACTION.

New York, Yesterday. Following the discoveries of an outbreak of the cotton pink bollworm, the Department of Agriculture has quarantined nine plantations in Texas as from April 25. The regulations prohibit the outward movement of cotton seed from the area affected and require the destruction of all cotton before shipment.—Reuter's American Service.

URNS UP TRUMPS.

FENG YU-HSIANG'S NEW ALLIANCE.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Subordinates Ordered To Obey Chiang Kai-shek.

WHAT IS CHANG TSO-LIN GOING TO DO?

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Once again the "Christian General" has turned up trumps for somebody else in the welter of Chinese politics. If history is repeated, however, the time is not far distant when he will quarrel with the friends for whom he has just rendered meritorious service.

Of greater public interest is his circular telegram, quoted in a Chinese cable, instructing all his commanders faithfully to obey Chiang Kai-shek, the Generalissimo of the allied Nationalist armies.

Speculation has been rife as to what Marshal Chang Tso-lin, head of the Ankuochun Government in Peking will do. The latest rumour to gain credence is that he has already decided to abandon his hold on territory in China Proper and concentrate on defence in Manchuria, outside the Great Wall.

HOLD ON MANCHURIA.

Circumstances are against the Northern armies rallying and making a stand. Everything points to their retreat becoming a rout, at least until the Yellow River is reached.

At this stage, it should be borne in mind that the crack units in the Manchurian army, generally referred to as the Fengtien troops, have yet to be pitted against the advancing Nationalists.

The Northerners defeated in Shantung province belong to two commands. That under General Sun Chuan-fang consists mainly of men from the central maritime provinces. Those under General Chang Tsung-chang are from Shantung and Chihli provinces.

Sun Chuan-fang has about 20,000 men. Chang Tsung-chang about 60,000, but some of these are employed on garrison duties in the north, east and along the coast of Shantung.

Northerners Outnumbered.

The Nanking Nationalist Army at the front under Chiang Kai-shek numbers approximately 100,000 men. He has of course, other units in the rear.

The "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, who is an ally of the Nationalists, has also about 100,000 men engaged in the war areas. The majority are north of the upper Yellow River, moving up the Peking-Hankow Railway, on the boundary between Chihli and Honan provinces. The minority are in the south-west of Shantung province, forming the left wing of a combined column.

COSTES & LEBRIX.

UNAIDED FINANCIALLY IN WORLD FLIGHT.

PRESS DISCUSSION.

Paris, Yesterday.

There is a lively discussion in the Press with regard to the fact that the world flight of Costes and Lebriz was made mainly without official support. It is emphasised that the flight from Tokyo to France was entirely unaided, yet it beat all records for speed, tenacity and economy.

The Press are demanding the appointment of an Air Minister who will devote the whole of his time to the development of aviation.—Reuter.

MEXICO MELEE.

73 MORE INSURGENTS KILLED.

"ROSE OF TRINIDAD"

Mexico City, Yesterday. A telegram from Guadalajara states that 73 insurgents were killed in encounters with Federal troops in the State of Jalisco. The insurgents belonged to the band led by General Guillen known as the "Rose of Trinidad," who was killed. The Federal losses are not given.—Reuter's American Service.

with Chiang Kai-shek's group on the right.

As the Northerners are now outnumbered in Shantung, and shaken in morale, observers expect them to fall back northward until the sorely tried divisions can be replaced by troops in the rear.

The "Christian General."

Supporters of the Nationalist Party predict that this will be the fundamental step towards unification of China. But it is necessary to take stock of the "Christian General's" record.

It is admitted that he is personally ambitious. He was in Peking a few years ago, nominally as a supporter of Marshal Wu Pei-fu. Wu Pei-fu led his own army east to fight Chang Tso-lin in Manchuria. The "Christian General" turned traitor, struck a vital blow at Wu Pei-fu's rear, and in co-operation with Chang Tso-lin (whom he is now attacking) set up a new administration in Peking.

Help From Russia.

As was to be expected, the "Christian General" and Chang Tso-lin quarrelled. The latter won and has been in control in Peking since. The "Christian General" withdrew by a devious route, received material help from Russia, and then joined the Nationalist Party. From Kansu, in the extreme north-west of China Proper, he marched into Shensi and then into Honan. From Honan, he sent a fairly large force eastward along the Lung-Hai Railway to reinforce the Nationalist column in Shantung. Also from Honan, he sent a bigger force northward to invade the south of Chihli province.

In view of his previous treachery, it is not unreasonable to be careful of him. Will he deal with Chiang Kai-shek, or will Chiang Kai-shek deal with him if they do take Peking? The immediate future is not too bright, even if "unification" by force of arms succeeds.

Most Northerly Point. This is an old saying that the Southerners can never cross the Yellow River. That portion of the Kuomintang, which the "Christian General" sent north to attack Chihli is "across" the Yellow River. The Nationalists in Shantung are not. The old saying, however, need not apply to-day in modern warfare. But the Nationalists were counter-attacked and driven back by General Sun Chuan-fang when at the height of their success last autumn.

After a long wait till this month the Nationalists are back again in Shantung and have gone further north than they ever have since they set out from Canton in 1926. The vanguard has passed Yenchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

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Rose Lau, from Saigon.
Mrs. Lo Yuk-shan, 38, Cheong On-str., Kowloon City, from Shanghai.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 20th April, 1928.

NOTICES.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the said Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of April, 1928, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the proposed resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions, viz:—

- (1) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 consisting of 600,000 shares of the nominal value of \$5 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$3,600,000 by the creation of 120,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.
- (2) That the said 120,000 shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of five existing shares held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 23rd day of April, 1928, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 600,000 shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of \$5 due in respect of such 120,000 shares shall be payable as to the sum of \$1 part thereof on the First day of May, 1928, and as to the balance thereof, i.e. \$4 on the First day of June, 1928.

And further that until such time as the said 120,000 shares shall be fully paid up they shall vis-a-vis the said 600,000 shares only rank for dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value (\$5) thereof.

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- (3) That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd shares held by such shareholder.

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Kick-off at 5 p.m. sharp.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

IN view of the Entertainment to be given to the Hong Kong Garrison by the Society of St. George, on MONDAY, April 23rd, (St. George's Day), THE CHEER 'O' Y.M.C.A. DANCE (at Helena May Institute) has been POSTPONED to MONDAY, April 30th.

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NOTICE.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 17th to 24th April, 1928, both days inclusive.

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HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on TUESDAY, 24th APRIL, 1928, at 4 p.m. in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the Year ended 31st December, 1927.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th April, 1928.

WHAT DYSEPTICS SHOULD EAT.

Strict Diets Unnecessary.

It is a well-known fact that some foods have a greater tendency than others to cause indigestion, and that by limiting one's diet to certain tasteful, unappetising foods, stomach troubles can sometimes be overcome. Nine times out of ten, however, indigestion is due to excess acid and food fermentation. Instead, therefore, of going on starvation diets, stomach sufferers can eat what they like if they will only get rid of the excess acid and stop the fermentation. To do this quickly, safely, and surely, take a little "Bismarck" Magnesia right after eating or whenever pain is felt. This instantly neutralises the acid; stops the food fermentation, and heals the inflamed stomach lining. Get a package of "Bismarck" Magnesia (either powder or tablets) from your chemist to-day; use as directed, and you can eat what you like without fear of pain or discomfort to follow.

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Mainland.	
Tai-mo-shan	3124
Long-shan Peak	1921

220 MILES AN HOUR.

CAPT. CAMPBELL AND HIS FEAT.

HIGH-SPEED THRILLS.

Captain Malcolm Campbell, the holder of the world's motor speed record on land of over 206 miles per hour, described his thrilling feat at a luncheon given in his honour in London recently.

He stated that as he left the measured mile he was travelling his fastest—220 miles an hour. The luncheon was given by Sir Charles Wakefield, donor of the Thousand Guineas International Gold Trophy, which Captain Campbell won at Daytona Beach, Florida, on 29th October, 1927.

The American Ambassador, speaking to the toast of the guest, said all Americans congratulated Captain Campbell heartily and most sincerely on his achievement.

"But," added the Ambassador, "I suggest that from now on he speaks with one eye open, for I hope I am betraying no secret when I say that we intend to bring that trophy back." (Cheers).

Sir W. Joynton-Hicks, the Home Secretary, said that from his early days Captain Campbell had been a "daredevil." In 1925 he drove a car at 150 m.p.h., but he was not satisfied.

Race "Degeneration."

"There are people who will tell you when we lose a ping-pong championship that we are decadent. They like to preach the degeneration of their own race. They find us lacking in endurance, in courage, and in hardness. The achievement of Captain Campbell must have been a severe shock to that kind of prophet. (Laughter.) He shows that our race is still capable of producing the kind of man prepared to undergo any kind of hardship without thought of gain. He would have been welcomed by the Elizabethans as a worthy companion." (Hear, hear).

Captain Campbell, the Home Secretary added, had made a wonderful machine and a great scientific experiment, and it was impossible to over-estimate the results that would accrue from it.

Responding to the toast, Captain Campbell, who was received with loud cheers, said he preferred to regard the Home Secretary's exceedingly kind references as a tribute to British engineering.

Describing his feat at Daytona Beach, Captain Campbell said: "I had a four and a half miles run before reaching the measured mile, and an equal distance in which to pull up. It sounds adequate, but it was not nearly enough, for I found that I was actually travelling my fastest as I left the mile. At that moment my instruments recorded 220 miles an hour, and I know they were dead accurate."

A Fight The Whole Way.

"The spirit itself was simply terrific. It was a fight the whole way. My car Blue Bird started 'snaking' almost at the beginning of the run, and I should never have credited that the physical effort of trying to keep her straight could have been so severe. I simply had to exert every atom of strength I possess to keep control. Then I hit a bad patch in the sand, and again I thought it was all up. The car slewed across the course, the wind became a howling hurricane, and I was thrown clear of my seat."

"Somehow—I don't know quite how—Blue Bird straightened up and the crisis was over. But my muscles felt as though they had been torn, and by the time I had come to a stop I felt physically exhausted. When I came to make the run the other way I simply dreaded it, for I had learnt what it meant to fight with the car in the strong cross-wind. However, it had to be done—and it was; the coveted record was mine."

"People will tell you that record-making involves severe mental strain. But don't you believe them—the strain is entirely physical. I know!"

Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., gave the toast of "Our Friends the American Contestants," to which Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie (High Commissioner for Australia) and Mr. D. Campbell Lee (chairman, American Society in London) responded.

"Past Holders of the World's Land Speed Record" was proposed by Sir Arthur Stanley, and Major H. O. D. Segrave (the first motorist in the world to do over 200 miles an hour) responded.

Major Segrave's Plans.

In so doing Major Segrave paid a handsome tribute to Captain Campbell, and announced that next year he would do his best to retain the trophy for England. He hoped that Captain Campbell would go to America with him.

THE FRAULEIN.

GERMAN'S PERFECT GIRL DESCRIBED.

POST-WAR DAMSEL.

"The interests of woman should be confined to the four K's, Kirche, Kleider, Kuche, Kinder (church, dress, cooking, children)." —The ex-Kaiser.

Of all the revolutions in Central Europe brought about by the war, the most astounding is that of the German woman.

In pre-war days it was improper, not to say outrageous, for a woman to wear openwork stockings, to climb to the tops of omnibuses, to powder her nose. Paint or lipstick was unthinkable, as it was to smoke cigarettes, or to earn her living in any other but the teaching profession, if she were the sister, daughter or wife of an officer, a higher civil servant, or laid claim to any social estate at all.

At 25 a girl was an old maid. At coffee parties the unmarried retired to the background, helped the hostess and sat modestly in corners on the most uncomfortable chairs.

An engagement was binding as the marriage tie; a broken engagement, however much the man had been at fault, disgraced the girl, who could rarely hope for another matrimonial chance.

The elderly wives of generals and government officials ruled feminine society with a rod of iron, all men taking their husbands' rank, no matter how high or low or how petty that was.

Girls' education, though good, ignored Latin and mathematics, and differed so completely from that of their brothers that small boys despised their sisters from their nursery days. Woman's physical inferiority in a military state enhanced this difference. It was considered that girls forced by circumstances to take up office work were exposed to unwelcome attentions on the part of their colleagues and employers. Those bold enough to do so inevitably lost caste and hopes of a suitable husband. To be smart was to be sinful; severe lines were drawn between women one married and those one admired. Young married men saw to it jealously that their wives dressed sedately.

Laughing at Traditions.

But the woman of to-day in Germany laughs at such traditions. Long before the Republic—basing its tenets on the equality of the woman helpmeet of the working classes with her man—had given her universal suffrage, and mathematics and sport in girls' as well as boys' schools, she had begun to question man-made laws and man-made wars.

The German housewife who had gone through the war and the blockade either in works or offices, or struggling to feed starving children on synthetic foods, was emancipated before the downfall of the currency. This finished the process. Women in their twenties or thirties, girls of seventeen or eighteen, were earning more than their doctor, lawyer or engineer husbands. Fathers were flouted and husbands laughed at when freedom was questioned.

For the leisured classes sport alone has accomplished the slowness of figure, smartness and brightness that hard work and activity has given the working woman. The German girl of to-day is international. She learnt the use of lipstick, cosmetics and perfumes from the Russian refugees when they poured into Germany. She learnt to smoke when Germany had no more chocolates. She studies the American girl on the films. She buys English magazines to get the right kind of sports clothes. Her Republican education is excellent. With national thoroughness it is she perhaps, who is evolving the perfect type of modern girl.—Margaret Seaton.

Prince Henry at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, recently presented the King's Shield for miniature rifle shooting to the winners in the 1927 competition, open to cadet corps throughout the country. The winners were the Depot Royal Marine Cadet Corps (Deal). Addressing the cadets, Prince Henry said:—There are three priceless assets for any organisation—ideals, esprit de corps, and traditions. Always bearing these principles in mind I can assure you they will prepare you to take your place as men in your country's work.

for two on the job were always better than one.

Sir Charles Wakefield presented to Mrs. Malcolm Campbell a souvenir of her husband's triumph in the form of a Blue Bird brooch in diamonds and sapphires, showing a bird in full flight, emblematic of speed.

SEA FREEDOM.

INTERESTING STATEMENT BY FRENCH ADMIRAL.

NEW INVENTIONS.

Speaking recently at a luncheon of the American Club, in Paris, Vice-Admiral Raty, who commanded the submarine forces in the Mediterranean during the war, and is an authority on naval war history, put forward his views about the freedom of the seas and the limitation of naval armaments. He said:

"To the theory of the limitation of armaments according to a figure more or less open to question we oppose the theory of the diminution of armaments by the diminution of conflicts by the introduction of neutrals, we utilise the latter to reduce the areas where conflicts rage and make of them the guardians of the zones of peace. That suffices to acquaint you with the sentiments of France."

This was the conclusion of a speech the gist of which was that there could be in future no one nation mistress of the seas. When President Wilson had talked of the freedom of the seas, continued Admiral Raty, England refused to contemplate such an idea, and who could blame her? For how could a people willingly give up a hard-bought privilege such as that possessed by England, so long as they believed they were still able to keep it? But for those who looked into the future there could to-day be no longer any illusion, for the domination of the seas was threatened by the fact that the ocean routes which were the vital arteries of the great colonial empires were at the mercy of recent inventions in armaments.

The theory of the freedom of the seas, he declared, was based upon two ideas: First, the admission that the seas were divided into coastal waters and "oceanic" waters, and, secondly, that the latter were "centralised." While it was the right of nations with a view to legitimate defence to use every means to repel attack in coastal waters, the oceans belonged to nobody, not even to the strongest. In case of conflict they would be placed under the control of neutrals and could be crossed freely by belligerents flying neutralisation signals. But they could not daily or make long cruises in them, and still less commit hostile acts, for any violation of neutrality would be treated as an act of piracy.



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LEAPING THE CENTURIES IN NIGERIA.

MOTOR-BUSES.

An interesting insight into the development of Nigeria is afforded by the report of the Empire Parliamentary Delegation which has just been published.

The delegation was composed of Major Walter Elliott, Mr. William Lunn, and Mr. Garro Jones.

Discussing the strange contrasts resulting from this rapid development, the report says:

This swift development, which in some parts of the country is simply leaping the centuries, has led to many vivid contrasts.

For example, on the Plateau, at one village we saw a pagan lady wearing only a small fan of green leaves behind, picking her way abstractedly along the motor road. She passed from one little stall to another, carried out her shopping, and with her purchase on her head, disappeared through a cactus stockade to her village near by.

A few miles further on a sturdy and even more naked pagan gentleman, with a quiver of poisoned arrows and a couple of throwing spears, strode, from a rocky path to the road—there to take his seat in a passing motor-bus, arranging his weapons to avoid inconvenience to his fellow passengers.

All through Nigeria, in the market places, Manchester goods and the appurtenances of ju-ju are offered for sale together. Carved idols, sewing machines, dried monkeys, British bully beef, yams, tinned salmon, and body paint can be found side by side.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during April, 1928, standard time for the 120th meridian, East of Greenwich, is as follows:—

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
	a.m.	p.m.
21st	5.59	6.46
22nd	5.58	6.46
23rd	5.57	6.47
24th	5.57	6.47
25th	5.56	6.47
26th	5.55	6.48
27th	5.54	6.48
28th	5.53	6.48
29th	5.52	6.49
30th	5.52	6.49

Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate, held that darts was a game of skill. Before the court were two youths, John Ball, tailor, of Dewsbury-terrace, Camden Town, N.W., and Francis Bentley, gear cutter, of Buck-street, Camden Town, who were charged with gambling in the street. It was stated they were playing darts, the one who went nearest the bull's eye being the winner. He was paid a half-penny by the loser. "Surely it is skill," said Mr. Bingley. "Cards are chance, but the aiming of darts at a dartboard is as much skill as shooting at Bisley. You will be discharged."



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IS BIRKENHEAD PART OF
LIVERPOOL?

The question of whether Birkenhead is part of the port of Liverpool was involved in an action which opened at the Liverpool Assizes before Mr. Justice Wright, the plaintiffs being the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., and the defendants were Michael Embiricos and L. G. Embiricos.

The plaintiffs, who were represented by Mr. A. R. Kennedy, K.C., and Mr. G. Justin Lynskey, were the owners and receivers of a portion of the cargo of the steamer "Eleni G. Embiricos," which is owned by the defendants, their proportion of the cargo, consisting of 4,000 tons of wheat in bulk, which, after being loaded in the Black Sea, was ordered to discharge at a "safe port in the United Kingdom." The vessel was ordered and proceeded to the port of Liverpool, and the plaintiffs on the arrival of the ship in the Mersey, exercised their right of option as to the place of discharge in the port of Liverpool, and they directed that the discharge should take place at Birkenhead, which, it was pleaded, was a usual and customary place for the discharge of cargoes of the nature of that carried by this particular steamer.

The defendants failed to discharge the cargo at Birkenhead, but sent the vessel to the Langton Dock on the Lancashire side of the river, the result being that they had been put to extra expense and had suffered loss and damage. This was estimated at £142, and there was a further claim for damage and loss caused by the detention of a portion of the cargo under an alleged lien for freight in advance of delivery, which they had to discharge into a barge at expense to themselves.

Evidence was called to the effect that Birkenhead was always in commercial and shipping circles regarded as part of the port of Liverpool, the defence being that it was not.

The case for the plaintiffs had not concluded when the court adjourned.

FAR EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Saturday last issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths: Plague, Aden 108 (97), Bassein (4), Bombay (15), Rangoon (3); Cholera, Bassein (20), Calcutta (111), Madras (4), Negapatam 1, Rangoon (2), Tuticorin (43) (26), Pondicherry 2 (2), Bangkok 24 (17), Saigon 50 (37); Small-pox, Alexandria 1, Suez 1, Bombay 56 (32), Calcutta 49 (32), Madras 49 (16), Moultain 4 (2), Negapatam 1 (1), Rangoon 62, Pondicherry 12 (12), Singapore 2, Belawan-Deli 2 (2), Bandjermasin 1, Shanghai (3), Canton 1, Osaka 11, Shimonoski 2, Dairen 7.

IMMIGRATION.

PROPOSED QUOTA INCREASE FOR BRITAIN.

Washington.—A new immigration bill, which would increase the quotas from Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has been introduced into the Senate with the approval of Mr. Davis, Secretary for Labour, by Senator Watson.

The bill proposes that in future national quotas shall be fixed either under the present quota law or under the so-called "national origins" plan, which will become effective on July 1 if not modified meanwhile by Congress. Where the quota established under the national origins plan exceeds the present allotment, such number will be the quota for the country concerned, but in no instance will the quota for any country be less than that now allotted.

It is estimated that the quotas for the different countries of Europe would be increased as follows:—Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 34,007 to 73,039; Russia from 2,248 to 4,781; Italy from 3,845 to 6,091. There would also be minor increase for the Netherlands, Austria, Spain, Hungary, Greece, Lithuania, Turkey, Jugoslavia, Finland and Latvia.

The bill limits immigration from American countries to ten per cent. of the number of inhabitants of those countries residing in the United States. Under this system it is estimated that the quota from Canada and Newfoundland would be increased from 73,728 to 98,094 while the quota from Mexico would be reduced from 77,155 to 7,785. The bill also provides for seasonal admission for the farm and other cheap labour under the visa system.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. "Hatipara" left Singapore for this port on April 16 a.m., and is due here to-morrow a.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Takada" leaves Amoy for this port to-day p.m., and is due here to-morrow p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nagore" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 3 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here on April 24 at about 6 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benroch" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on April 25.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on March 26 and is due here on April 26.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on April 18 at 3 p.m., left Yokohama on April 19 at noon, and is due at Hong Kong on April 26 in the morning. She will sail for Manila on April 27 at 5 p.m.

The M.V. "Toronto" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 17, and is due in Manila on April 30.

The s.s. "Kendal Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 6, and is due here on May 7.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co. M.V. "Rankine" left Hamburg on April 14 and is due here on or about May 25.

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KASHGAR	9,805	12th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KIDDERPORE	5,534	22nd May	Straits, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi
KALWA	10,906	24th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KALIFORE	5,273	31st May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	5,097	2nd June	M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
MIRZAPUR	6,715	19th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
BANFURA	10,901	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NOVARA	6,989	30th June	M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KEYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	10,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KANKIN	7,058	28th July	M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg
KASHMIR	8,995	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
RAJPUTANA	10,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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KALYAN	9,144	15th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.

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*TALABHA	8,018	1st May	Moji & Kobe.
TAKLIWA	7,236	7th May	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*DEVANHA	8,165	11th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
RANTHA	9,144	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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TALAWA	10,601	25th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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BRAVE ACT.

REWARD FOR SAVING
SHIPMATE'S LIFE.

SWANSEA PRESENTATION.

A story of a sailor's splendid
bravery in saving a shipmate's
life was told at the Swansea
Docks Exchange, when the
Mayor of Swansea (Councillor
E. W. Howells), on behalf of British
Tankers, Ltd., presented a
silver watch and chain and a
cheque for £20 to Able Seaman F.
Preece, of Swansea, for saving
the life of A. T. Morgan.

Mr. Wilfred Thomas (president
of the Swansea Chamber of Commerce)
presided over the ceremony,
and Paymaster Lieut.-Commander
W. L. Owen, of the Board
of Trade, Swansea, explained
that Preece and Morgan were seamen
on board the tanker "British
Lord," now in port at Swansea,
and, on November 14, Morgan
was painting down the fore top-
mast stay when he was seen falling
from a height of from 45 to
50 feet. Preece rushed forward
and, breaking his fall, caught him
in his arms, just as he reached
the deck. Morgan suffered from
severe bruise and shock, but was
able to resume duty in a couple of
days, and Preece, who was also
affected by shock, soon recovered.
His plucky act undoubtedly stood
unique in the annals of the Mercantile
Marine.

Mr. J. Johnstone, local manager
of British Tankers, Ltd., expressed
the appreciation of the directors
of Preece's bravery.

The Mayor, making the presentation,
said he was proud of Preece,
because he was a Swansea boy.

The gifts were handed over
amid applause from a large gathering
of members of the Exchange,
and Preece modestly replied,
"Thank you, sir," adding that
the cheque would come in useful.

Mr. George Gunning, treasurer
of the Seamen's and Firemen's
Union, on behalf of the president
(Mr. Havelock Wilson) joined in
the tribute, and said if more employers
of labour, instead of looking
to others to recognise deeds
of bravery in the ranks of their
men, acted like the British Tankers'
Company it would tend to
create a better feeling and bring
more peace in industry.

BUILDING ORDER.

The Southern Railway Company
have placed with Messrs.
William Denny and Brothers,
Limited, Dumbarton, an order for
a steamer for their Calais-Dover
service. The general arrangement
of the ship will be on the lines
of the Isle of Thanet and the
Maid of Kent, which were built
by Messrs. Denny, and have proved
themselves popular vessels
with the cross-Channel travelling
public. The new ship, however,
will be a little larger, and will
incorporate such additional features
for the comfort and convenience
of passengers as will make her
superior even to her immediate
predecessors.

The machinery will continue to
be twin-screws, turbine-driven,
steam being supplied by oil-fired
water-tube boilers. Various alterations,
with a view to securing
economy in fuel, will be incorporated
in the design, which otherwise
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No claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godowns,
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after the 21st instant will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 5th May,
1928, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
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No Fire Insurance has been
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SOUTH WALES DOCKS

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS TO
SHIPOWNERS.

RAILWAY ENTERPRISE.

Recently the Great Western Rail-
way Company announced important
reductions in dock dues on
vessels visiting their South Wales
ports. As already reported in
"The Journal of Commerce," a further
announcement of a still more
far-reaching character states that
vessels changing from one port to
another in South Wales will be
liable to only one dock due, subject
to a nominal locking fee in addition.

This "gives to the South Wales
ports a new and unique advantage.
Vessels entering say, the Cardiff
docks to discharge may proceed to
another South Wales port, e.g.,
Swansea, Newport, Barry, &c., to
load, and yet be subject (apart
from the locking fee) to dues for
one port only.

The advantage to shipowners and
merchants is immediately apparent.
Vessels will have the whole
range of the South Wales seaboard
in which to discharge or load, and
their opportunities of securing re-
munerative freights in both directions
is greatly enhanced. It will
assist merchants and manufacturers
to effect shipment or discharge
at the nearest, and, therefore,
cheapest port to the origin or destination
of the traffic.

The dues on vessels in South
Wales are amongst the lowest in
the country, and this further concession
should have an immediate
and cumulative effect in stimulating
the overseas trade of South
Wales and its hinterland.

The concessionary arrangements
now in operation in South Wales
include:-

1. Vessels changing docks pay one set of dues, plus a locking fee.
2. Vessels entering for dry docking pay a locking fee only.
3. Vessels with part cargoes pay dues on the traffic shipped or discharged if less than the register tonnage.
4. Vessels calling for bunkers only, pay 4d. per ton register—a return to the pre-war rate.
5. Liners requiring bunkers or loading part cargoes of coal are given priority for coaling.
6. An allowance of (a) 5 per cent. from the railway rate, and (b) 1 1/4 d. per ton from the tipping charge is given on coal carried in 20-ton waggons.

CANADIAN PORTS.

HARBOUR DEVELOPMENTS AT
ST. JOHN.

The St. John Harbour Commission-
ers have drawn up a programme
of port developments to extend
over a period of five years and
providing for the expenditure
of \$10,000,000.

The Commissioners have definitely
decided to develop the harbour
at West St. John rather than
on the city side or in Courtenay
Bay. The general scheme includes
the construction of one grain
conveyor gallery at Pier No. 7, a grain
jetty, 1,250 ft. long, a pier, 1,250 ft.
long which will be equipped with
four one-storey fireproof sheds and
shipping offices; one grain elevator
of 2,400,000 bushels capacity, with
grain conveyor galleries for loading
grain at Pier No. 7; and the
accessory railway tracks, road-
ways, sewage facilities, and water
supply to serve the new works.

The ferry service will ultimately
be abolished, and the new programme
provides for the construction
of a railway and vehicular
bridge over Navy Island, by which
the Canadian National Railways
may eventually gain direct connection
with the docks at West St.
John, instead of running its cars
over the C.P.R. lines. The bridge
will, however, not be erected by the
Harbour Commission.

NEW WELLAND SHIP CANAL.

The new Welland Ship Canal is
now nearing completion. Work,
which commenced in 1913, was sus-
pended during the war years, but
it is expected that the new water-
way will be in operation in 1930.
For the greater part of the way the
canal follows an entirely different
route from the present one, is much
straighter, and 1 1/2 miles shorter.
The difference in lake levels will
be overcome by seven lift locks,
most of which are now completed,
each having a lift of 46 1/2 ft. The
locks are 825 ft. long, and each will
accommodate three of the present-
day canal grain boats at one time.
They are 80 ft. wide in the clear,
and will provide a depth of 30 ft.
of water. This latter fact will per-
mit of the largest upper lake grain
carrier going through the canal.
The Welland Canal is the link be-
tween Lakes Erie and Ontario, and
is about 26 miles long.

YOUNG ITALY.

DISCIPLINE FOR THE
NATION.

FASCIST MILITIA.

Rome.—A second levy of Fascist
recruits was recently held through-
out Italy on the occasion of the
ninth anniversary of the founda-
tion of Fascism.

The proceedings will be directed
by the national and provincial com-
mittees of the Fascist Preparation
of Youth, which is divided into
three categories:-

1. Fascist juveniles, under the age of 14, comprising nearly all the schoolboys in Italy.
2. Fascist Vanguard, composed of youth from the age of 14 to 18; and
3. Young Fascist Conscripts, who either join the Militia or simply become inscribed members in the Fascist party.

Principal interest is centred in
the return of the Fascist Vanguard,
youths who will be formally
admitted into the ranks of the
Militia and receive their military
rifle and uniform from the Government.
Their number is estimated
at about 80,000, and they
naturally contribute an important
contingent to the regular army, of
which they are now considered
officially to form a special branch,
liable to be called upon at any
time.

The formality of giving them
their rifles and uniforms, and in-
scribing them definitely in the
Fascist ranks, will be the occasion
of a special ceremony in every
town in the presence of the provincial
and local authorities and the
Fascist chiefs. The new
Juvenile Fascists recruited on the
same occasion will be about
100,000, comprising practically all
schoolboys old enough to be en-
rolled. The result will be that
hereafter the whole male generation
of Italy will have received a
Fascist training and be subject to
Fascist discipline.

BLIND EX-BOXER.

CLAIMS AFTER A BENEFIT
CONCERT.

JUDGES' REBUKE.

Judgment was delivered in an
action brought by Mr. Alfred
Mansfield, an ex-boxer, who is in-
capacitated through blindness,
against Mr. Samuel Russell, the
boxing referee; Mr. H. C. Jarvis,
secretary, of Wellington-buildings,
Bow-road, E.; Mr. Alfred Freed-
man, of Well-street, Hackney, E.;
and Mr. L. Farra, of Widgegate-
street, Middlessex-street, E.
Mr. Mansfield claimed £1231,
money said to have been received
on his account by the defendants,
as the result of a benefit concert
to him at the London Pavilion on
October 9, 1927. He alleged that
there had been wrong accounting.

The defendants denied liability
except in respect of £439.

It was stated that Mr. Mansfield
had already received £400.
Sir Francis Newbolt, giving
judgment, said that Mr. Mansfield
had been the recipient of generous
charity. The trustees had properly
accounted for the fund. Mr.
Mansfield's claim, except for the
£439, failed. He had been im-
pudent and ungrateful to the de-
fendants.



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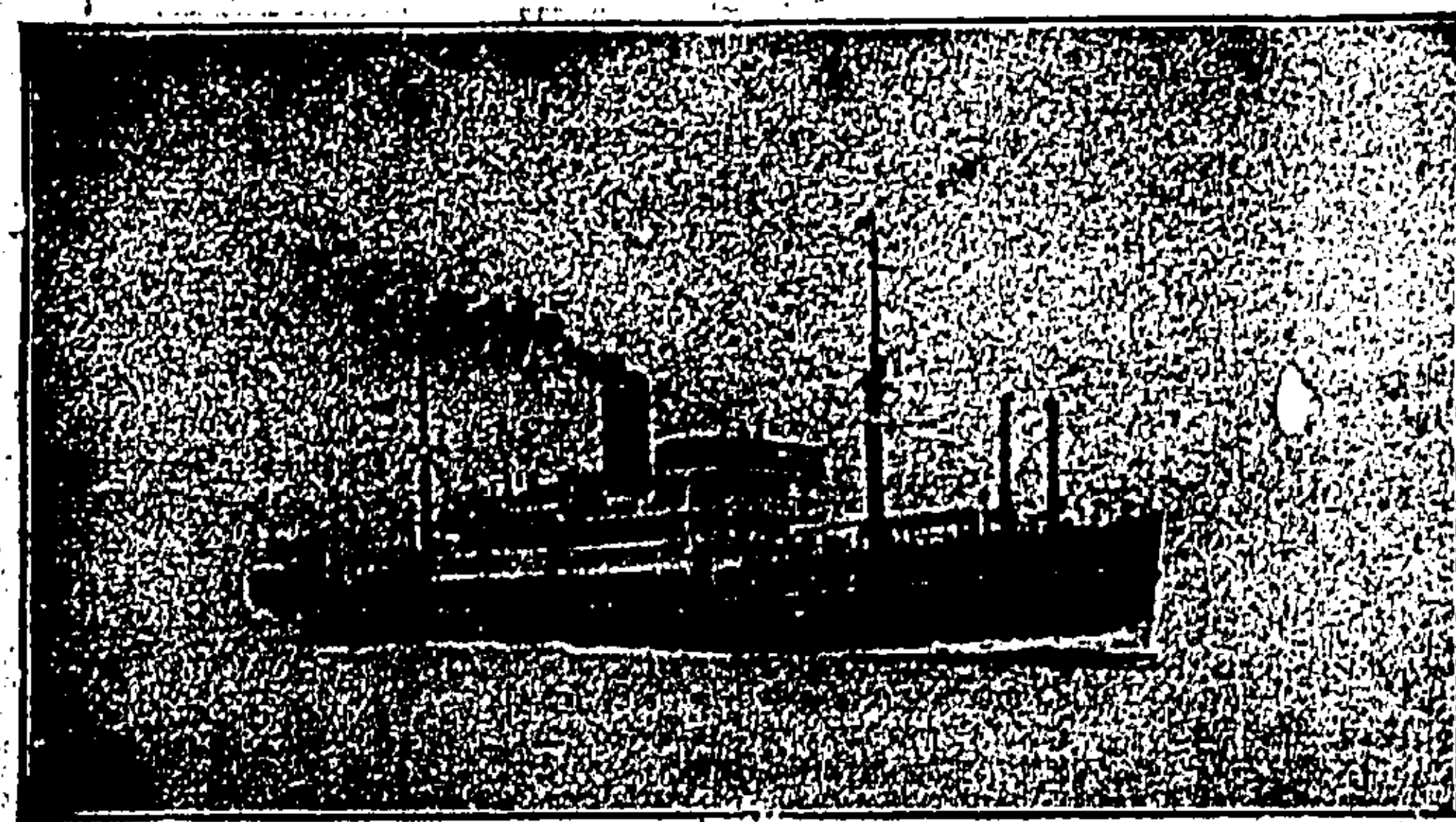
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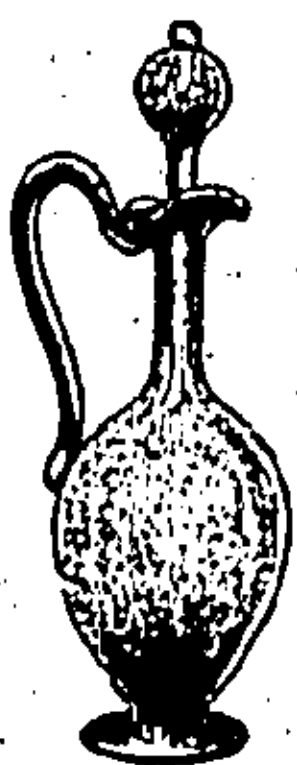
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BIRTH.

HUTTON.—On April 15, at the
Country Hospital, Shanghai, to
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hutton, a
daughter (still born).

MARRIAGE.

BISHOP-WHITMORE.—On Satur-
day, April 14, at Community
Church, Shanghai, by the Rev.
C. L. Boynton, Kathleen Whit-
more to James Frederick
Bishop.

DEATHS.

GAUNT.—On April 12, at Hang-
chow, died suddenly, Helen,
the beloved wife of the Rev.
T. Gaunt, of the Church Mis-
sionary Society.

ANDERSEN.—On Sunday, April
15, at his residence, 383 Route
de Sleyes, Shanghai, Claus
Laurits Andersen, aged 78.

MURRAY.—On April 16, at the
General Hospital, Shanghai,
John Tullibardine Murray,
Captain R.S. "Ningshan," aged
60 years.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 21, 1928.

SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

It is quite refreshing to read
what Mr. K. L. Chau, as president
of the Euro-American Returned
Students' Union, had to say of the
students' aspirations now that
they have returned to their na-
tive land. These young men
might easily be a power for good
but enter upon their life's work in
the proper spirit. Their wider
outlook on affairs generally should

men, who are indisputably the
most ignorant of European people.
Only very ignorant people would
tolerate the conditions of Com-
munism. But the all-important
point to bear in mind is that the
Soviet leaders, so foolishly ob-
essed by Bolshevism, still cling
to their intention to interfere in
the affairs of other nations and
to foment as much agitation as
they possibly can. They seem to
be incapable of realising that be-
cause their countrymen have just
emerged from serfdom, where
they were treated in the way that
serfs and slaves have almost in-
variably been treated, that other
nations require similar bolstering-
up. The fallacy is ludicrous in
the extreme, and none the less so
because comparatively small
groups of more or less fanatical
people are to be found to listen to
the Russians' ridiculous plans for
the introduction of a Utopia. So
long as Russian gold flows, so long
will individuals be ready to ally
themselves with even the maddest
of schemes. However, for the
sake of good government, such in-
dividuals should, when fitting op-
portunity presents itself, be dealt
with in the Courts in such a way
as to cause others to think twice
before allowing their greed for
gold to usurp whatever sense they
may possess in furthering the
doctrine of fanatical "Reds."

Quite an unexpected turn has
been given to the discussion in
the House of Commons on the
Bill which has as its object the
granting of the British suffrage
to women of twenty-one years,
thus placing them on an equality
with men in that respect. The
surprise came in the opposition,
mild though no doubt it was, of
supporters of the Government.
They argued not only that the
suffrage should not be given to
women under twenty-five years
but that the law should be al-
tered to include men in that cate-
gory. This request seemed to be
altogether too much for Conser-
vatives as a whole, and they re-
jected the suggestion very de-
cisively. But is it so "revolution-
ary"? We doubt it. For
how many men or women under
twenty-five (to say nothing of the
many of that age and over it)
know sufficient about politics to
be able to vote intelligently? Pre-
cious few, and much fewer in
these jarring days than, say, a
decade ago. Quite obviously the
granting of the franchise to
callow youths of both sexes at the
age of twenty-one is little more
than electioneering tactics or, to
call "a spade a spade" and not an
"agricultural implement," mere
vote-catching trickery.

VICTORY FOR RISK.

HIS BOAST—"I WILL BEAT TUNNEY, TOO."

New York.—Tex Rickard's search
for a worthy challenger for Gene
Tunney, world's heavy-weight
champion, received another setback
here when neither Johnny Risko
nor Jack Sharkey could produce a
knock-out punch after a wrestling
hit-and-miss battle of 15 rounds.

Johnny Risko, the Austrian-born
Cleveland baker boy, gained a nar-
row-points verdict over the favour-
ite, Jack Sharkey.

The heavy-weight position now
assumes a most interesting aspect
as far as the British Empire chal-
lenger, Tom Heeney, is concerned.

It is a remarkable fact that
whereas "Honest Tom" a fortnight
ago drew a gate of £40,000 and a
crowd of 20,000 people the en-
counter attracted only 10,000
mildly interested spectators, who
saw a very mediocre fight.

It is thus evident that apart
from Tunney or Dempsey, Tom
Heeney is Tex Rickard's best draw-
ing card.

No official announcement has
yet been made by Tex Rickard, who
watched the fight with a frown of
disappointment until the fourteenth
round, when he left in disgust.

It is expected he will match
Heeney with Risko.

"POPPY DAY."

£500,000 RESPONSE TO APPEAL.

H.R.H.'S WISH.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail")
March 21, 1928.

Dear Sir,—A great deal of inter-
est has been shown by the public,
as to whether the 1927 Poppy Day
Appeal total would reach the half
million aimed at, and suggested by
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales when
speaking on the Wireless on the
evening of November 10 last.

I am glad to be able to tell you
that the £500,000 mark has been
passed, and I feel sure you will be
pleased to have the enclosed de-
tails.

We shall greatly value your help
in giving publicity to these details
in your columns.

Yours very truly,

W. G. WILCOX,

Captain, Organising Secretary,
Appeal Department, British Legion.

PRINCE'S WISH FULFILLED.

Poppy Day Total Over
£500,000.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,
when speaking on the Wireless on
the evening of November 10 last
year in support of the Poppy Day
Appeal, said:—

"We bought so many Poppies
last year and so nearly reached
the total of £500,000, that surely
we can do a little better this
year and realise the half mil-
lion to-morrow. So will each
one of you give a little more for
your Poppy than you did last
year? Give even a little more
than you can afford, remember-
ing that even if it is a sacrifice,
it is a small one compared with
theirs, and that in so giving we
are keeping alive that spirit of
unselfish comradeship in which
they so gallantly went away,
willingly gave of their best, and
often of their all. In the name
of those dear we have lost and
for the sake of those who are
still with us but in such crying
need, I ask you to be very gener-
ous to-morrow."

It is pleasing to be able to re-
port that the Prince's wish has
been fulfilled, and to-day Earl
Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund
at 26, Eccleston-square, London,
S.W.1 make it known that the total
received to date in respect of
Poppy Day, 1927, is just over
£504,000 a figure which speaks
eloquently of the generosity of the
contributors, and the enthusiastic
and efficient services rendered by
many thousands of voluntary work-
ers. Even this is not the final
total, as collections made in sev-
eral far distant overseas places
have still to be received.

Of this splendid total of
£504,000, no less than £72,900 was
contributed in Greater London,
£262,362 in the English and Welsh
Counties, £76,991 in Scotland,
£14,000 in Ireland, and £69,891 by
British Communities overseas. Of
the remaining £14,000 passengers
on British Liners at sea on Novem-
ber 11 last gave £3,970, followers
of Hounds (by means of "Cape")
£2,787, and by sales of Flanders
Poppy Wreaths, etc., £7,234.

Space does not permit men-
tion being made of more than a few
of the outstanding collections re-
ceived, but the following indicate the
spirit of enthusiasm in which over-
seas collections were made: British
Malaya sent £15,744, Ceylon £5,926,
the Gold Coast £3,765, Nigeria
£3,311.

Many collections on liners were
extraordinarily good, £429 being re-
ceived from the s.s. "Edinburgh
Castle," £419 from the s.s.
"Rajputana," and £200 from the
s.s. "Almanzora." Practically
without exception, poppy sales
were arranged on every British
liner at sea on Remembrance Day.

Collections in the English and
Welsh Counties were outstandingly
successful, the aggregate totals
showing an advance on the pre-
vious year of 25 per cent. The
following are a few of the princi-
pal amounts received: Birming-
ham £11,035, Manchester £3,170,
Liverpool £5,307, Bristol £4,434,
Leeds £2,923, Sheffield £2,608, Hull
£1,836, Southend £1,808, Bourne-
mouth £1,805, Newcastle £1,666,
Nottingham £1,293, Northampton
£1,288, and Leicester £1,287.

London district collections in-
clude the following: Kensington
£3,789, Wandsworth £3,496, Maryle-
bone £2,919, Chelsea £2,599, Hamp-
stead £2,059, Ealing £1,436, Willes-
den £1,224, Wimbledon £1,292, and
Finsbury £1,008.

The late Field Marshal Earl
Haig took the keenest interest in
the growth of his Poppy Day Ap-
peal, and it was very sad that he
did not live long enough to see the
first half million reached. The
Poppy Day Appeal, since its incep-
tion in 1921, has raised approxi-
mately £2,368,000 for the cause of
distracted ex-service men, and has

enormous amount of beneficent
work to be carried out on their be-
half.

The totals for each year since
1921 have been—1921—£106,000,
1922—£204,000, 1923—£259,000,
1924—£387,000, 1925—£385,000,
1926—£435,000, 1927—£504,000.

The total quantity of Poppies
sold on Remembrance Day, 1927,
was approximately three millions
more than the corresponding figure
for 1926, and it is gratifying to
note that this increased demand
for Poppies, as well as for Fland-
ers Poppy Wreaths, has permitted
the engagement of a further twenty
severely disabled ex-service men at
the British Legion Poppy Factory
at Richmond—the Factory of Re-
membrance.

Each year the demand for Poppy
Wreaths has grown—and the de-
mand now is not only for Wreaths
for placing in connection with Ar-
mistice Day ceremonies, but for
despatch at all times of the year
for the funeral of any ex-service
men in this country, or for plac-
ing in War Ceremonies overseas.
These Wreaths can be placed on
any British soldiers' grave over-
seas, at an additional charge of
only 2/6d. A fully illustrated
price list may be obtained from the
Headquarters of Earl Haig's Bri-
tish Legion Appeal Fund at 26,
Eccleston-square, London, S.W.1.

PORTUGUESE LOAN.

CAUSES OF FAILURE OF THE RECENT REQUEST.

LEAGUE'S CONDITIONS.

The breakdown of the negotia-
tions at Geneva for a Portuguese
loan under League auspices is the
subject of a semi-official statement
issued recently explaining why the
negotiations failed.

The statement begins by saying
that, in accord with the Govern-
ment, the Portuguese representa-
tives did not accept the conditions
of the Financial Committee of the
League of Nations.

"The Committee's proposals
may," it continues, "be summed up
as the appointment of a Control
Agent, and a right on the part of
the Committee to send a financial
commission of three members to
administer the revenues assigned
to the service of the loan. The
Portuguese Government presented
two counter-proposals, which guar-
anteed the rights of loan subscrib-
ers, but the Committee adhered to
its standpoint.

"Faithful to the Government's
declaration that it would never
agree to conditions that assailed
the national honour, the Portu-
guese delegates did not accept the
stipulated conditions or agree to
the adjournment of the discussion
to the July session," as suggested
by the Committee, preferring to re-
sume its liberty of action, and to
pursue the loan negotiations where
and in what manner it deems best.

"Emigrés in Paris represented
to the League of Nations that the
Government has not the necessary
powers to contract a loan, but the
League of Nations, at one of its
first meetings, was of opinion that
the Government was capable of
entering into such a contract."

The Lisbon Government finally
promises to publish documents jus-
tifying its action.

The non-realisation of the loan
is the subject of Press comment.

SUSSEX SCORER.

Sussex, like their cricket friends
of Surrey, have had to appoint a
new scorer, and Strudwick, of the
Oval, will find an old friend in Ernest
Killick.

Killick was one of the Sussex
team of the "great days" of C. B.
Fry and "Ranji," and, beginning
with a match against Kent in 1893,
played for the county for twenty
years. He was a very sound left-
handed batsman, and one of the
few men playing in spectacles who
was a really good slip catch. His
birthplace at Horsham was near
the home of his old colleague,
George Cox.

DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China
Mail" appear half a dozen questions
of a general nature, for which
acknowledgment is due to the
"Daily Sketch." Answers will be
found on page 9 of this issue.

1. What an artificial person is?
2. What alpacas is?
3. Which is the largest hospital in England?
4. When the U.S.A. were last at war with England?
5. Which British Sovereign was crowned at Windsor?
6. In whose honour the Achilles statue, Hyde Park, London, was erected?

UNFAITHFUL WIFE.

YOUNG HUSBAND'S DEATH.

"FOUND DROWNED."

A 19-year-old Chinese fisherman of Aberdeen, named Cheng Tai-hi, whose body was found in the harbour off Kailoongwan (Sandy Bay) on April 11, was the subject of an inquest held by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The dead man's 16-year-old wife, whom he married a little over a year ago, gave evidence. She made a straightforward confession of having committed misconduct with her father-in-law and two of the latter's sons. She did not think that her husband knew of her infidelity, however. The girl also said that she believed that her husband committed suicide but not because of her. He was half-witted, but had always treated her well and was very fond of her. When he left the boat at 10 a.m., on April 8 he did not say anything to her, but his manner was unusual. He was not angry with her.

The deceased's father denied that he had misadvised his son with his daughter-in-law. His son was a dull and stupid man. The witness had no reason to believe that his son's wife had been unfaithful to him. As far as he knew they had never quarrelled. He could not offer any reason why his daughter-in-law should make such a serious allegation against him. When his son did not return at 8 p.m., he reported to the police.

Body Found.

On April 11 the witness was at Wanchai when a foki reported finding his son's body at Kailoongwan and he went there and brought the remains to Aberdeen. The father added that he had no reason to believe that his son committed suicide. He usually came about in his silly mood, and it was possible he had fallen into the harbour.

Pan Tai, one of the folk of the father's boat who found the deceased's body at Kailoongwan, admitted that he had committed misconduct with the dead man's wife, but he also did not think the husband knew of it.

A small boy working for the deceased's father said that he saw the dead man outside a tenhouse, and was told: "You go fishing, don't wait for me." Ah Tai (the deceased) was very angry when he said this, and the witness gathered that he had no intention of returning to the boat.

Doctor's Evidence.

Dr. Alexander Cannon who held the post mortem, said that death was due to drowning. There were no marks on the body other than two cuts going down as far as the scalp. These could not have caused death and were probably caused after death by the body being washed against rocks. The dead body was poor physically. There was marked tuberculous pneumonia present in both lungs. When a man was in such a condition, it often led to acute mania. At the time of death the man might have been temporarily insane and got into the water without knowing what he was doing.

The Coroner decided to return a verdict of "found drowned." He said that it was impossible to determine whether the deceased had committed suicide, or death was due to acute mania which caused him to walk into the harbour and thus meet his death by misadventure.

THE ELECTRON.

GIRTON FOUNDERS' LECTURE.

Cambridge.—The first founders' memorial lecture at Girton College, Cambridge, was delivered by Sir J. J. Thomson, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Professor of Physics.

In introducing the lecturer, Lady Stephen explained that a former student of Girton had given an endowment for a lecture to be delivered annually in honour of their founders. The lectures would, they hoped, perform the function of a memorial window. They would be a monument of their affection and gratitude, and they would let in the light.

Sir Joseph Thomson, in his lecture, said some recent experiments, especially those made by Professor G. P. Thomson on the passage of electrons through very thin films of metal, had thrown quite a new light on the nature of the electron. They had proved that a uniformly moving electron was accompanied by a train of waves which preceded and guided it, the electron following in the wake of the waves. Thus the electron, like light, had a dual structure, one part containing the energy being corpuscular, while the other part controlling and guiding the path was undulatory. The waves which accompanied the electron vibrated for more rapidly than the fastest Röntgen rays. The only rays ap-

WILL DISPUTE.

BARHAM OF "INGOLDSBY LEGENDS"

£60,000 FORTUNE.

Further evidence was called in the proceedings concerning the fortune, between £60,000 and £70,000, of Mr. Francis William Robbins Barham, late of Treowm, Letterston, Pembrokeshire, and Clyde-road, Croydon, who died at the age of 86, in December 1926.

The plaintiff, a son, Mr. Cyril Hugh Sackville Barham, of Kingsley-avenue, Ealing, W., claimed to be one of the persons entitled, in the event of an intestacy, to share in the estate.

He also claimed to be entitled to a life interest in a part of the estate under settlements, and alleged that a will of July 24, 1912, and nine codicils were not duly executed, as his father at the time was not of sound testamentary capacity.

The defendants, Mr. David Jenkin Evans and Mr. Henry Isaac Cundy, as executors, propounded the will and codicils.

Mr. F. W. R. Barham, it was said, had eccentric and whimsical ideas.

He was called "the wolf," his wife "the little wolf," his daughters "the cat" and "the pullet," his son was called "the wolf cub," the housekeeper "the hyenn," and a woman companion "the panther."

In the final codicil Mr. Barham cut out entirely his son, his wife, and other members of the family, and left his money to the children of a niece, on condition that they remained or became Protestants.

Mr. Frederick Beaumont Morgan, a solicitor, gave evidence of receiving instructions for the will, which was duly executed.

The children of the niece, Mrs. Squire, he said, were Roman Catholics. They had changed their name to Barham, in accordance with the will, but not their religion.

A managing clerk of the previous witness, Mr. Edward Francis, was cross-examined by Mr. Norman Birkett (for the son).

The father, he stated, said nothing about one of his ancestors having been mad.

Did he say nothing about an ancestor?—I had an idea that Barham of the "Ingoldsby Legends" was a member of the family.

The hearing was adjourned.

AGENT & MASTER.

"THINGS THEY DON'T DO AT KEDLESTON."

LORD SCARSDALE SUED.

Lord Scarsdale, of Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, was sued for damages by Mr. Hector Ian Mackenzie, of Verulam-buildings, Gray's Inn, W.C., his former land agent, who alleged that he had been wrongfully dismissed.

Mr. E. Hancock explained that Mr. Mackenzie was appointed at a salary of £500 a year and a house rent free.

There were petty disputes between him and Lord Scarsdale, who would occasionally countermand an order he had given.

Last November Lord Scarsdale said they obviously could not get on together, adding, "You don't suit me as an agent," and told Mr. Mackenzie that he would have to leave at the end of January, 1928.

Mr. Mackenzie said he was entitled to at least six months' notice, and protested against being treated as "one of his lordship's funkeys."

Lord Scarsdale replied: "There's the door. Don't give me the trouble of telling my servants to put you out."

Mr. Mackenzie, added counsel, was just over 60 and Lord Scarsdale was young enough to be his son.

Further interviews took place in the estate office, but on January 3 the butler asked Mr. Mackenzie to meet Lord Scarsdale in the business room at Kedleston Hall. Mr. Mackenzie wrote saying that he had never been shown the door of any house before and did not intend to give Lord Scarsdale an opportunity of repeating the incident.

The solicitors later wrote stating that Lord Scarsdale was justified in dismissing Mr. Mackenzie without further notice as he had refused to obey his reasonable orders.

Evidence was then given. Questioned about the suggestion that Mr. Mackenzie might have been thrown out of the house, Lord Scarsdale replied: "Throwing out is more connected with public-houses and theatres. Things like that don't happen at Kedleston."

The hearing was adjourned.

proaching them in this respect were the rays from radio-active substances. Those results showed that the early conception of the electron as a point charge of negative electricity surrounded by a structureless medium could not be adequate. The electron or its surroundings must be much more complex; there must be something beyond the electron.

"BANISH MY PAST."

YOUNG MAN'S DRAMATIC PLEA TO APPEAL JUDGES.

"CESSPOOL OF LONDON."

A well-dressed young man named Richard Boreham Boreham made a dramatic appeal against a sentence of 21 months' hard labour passed on him at the Essex Quarter Sessions for obtaining, by false pretences, 10s. from the rector of Great Easton, Essex.

Boreham, who begged the court to banish from their minds his past criminal history, argued that 21 months in a local prison, to come out into this "cesspool of London," was not conducive to reformation. Stating that he would do honest work if he could get it, he alleged that he had "read with a Cambridge undergraduate," and added, "your learned confrere Lord Darling gave me a reference to a City solicitor, but I was not proficient and he gave me £1 a week. I have allowed myself to drift, and have not received the opportunities that many men get."

"Prisoner," said the Lord Chief Justice in giving judgment, "has been sent to a reformatory twice for theft and has been to gaol for six months for false pretences, and, with a little more courage and experience, he might become a dangerous criminal."

Looking particularly at Boreham's youth, they would reduce the term to one of 12 months' hard labour, but this would be the last time lenience would be shown to him.

THE ROLLS-ROYCE.

PRINCE VISITS THE WORKS.

"HUSH—HUSH" ENGINE.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales paid an unofficial visit to the Rolls-Royce Works at Derby on Tuesday, February 21, 1928.

Arriving with the Mayor of Derby, he was received by Mr. Basil Johnson (Managing Director), Lieut.-Col. The Lord Herbert Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O., (Director), Mr. A. Wormald, O.B.E., (Works Manager), along with Mr. A. J. Knowledge (Assistant Chief Engineer), Mr. W. M. Cowen (General London Manager), Mr. A. F. Sidgreaves (General Sales Manager), and Mr. J. De Looze (Secretary).

The first gracious act of His Royal Highness was to plant a tree in the new Memorial garden beside the Colonnade designed by Sir Herbert Baker, and erected in memory of the late Mr. Claude Johnson, the first Managing Director of the Company.

His Royal Highness made a tour of the principal portions of the works, expressing the greatest interest in the many unique manufacturing and testing processes through which both the chassis and aero engines produced at these famous works pass, and at the meticulous accuracy in the construction of the numerous detailed parts.

Perhaps the most interesting portion of the Prince's tour was the aero engine department of the works, where he was shown one of the latest Rolls-Royce aero engines, which has been designed by Mr. F. Henry Royce to fulfil the special requirements of the Air Ministry as regards great power combined with speed and reliability, for use in the latest types of aircraft by the Royal Air Force.

Secrecy.

Up to the present the utmost secrecy has been maintained concerning the construction of this engine, which includes many new features in its design.

It is expected that this "Hush-Hush" engine, which in many respects is a departure from and an improvement on all other engines, will revolutionize many of the results obtained in the past in both aeroplanes and flying boats.

This new engine is of over 500 horse power, with a bore of 5 ins. and stroke of 5½ ins. The engine has been designed by Mr. Royce with specially reduced external dimensions in order to present the smallest resistance in flying through the air (one of the most important), thus adding materially to the speed of the aircraft into which it will be fitted.

For very many years His Royal Highness has possessed and used motor cars made for him in the famous Rolls-Royce Works, and he was, therefore, specially interested in inspecting the detailed methods of their construction throughout.

When leaving the Prince entered one of the latest Rolls-Royce cars and was driven through the main thoroughfares of the Works, while workmen and employees lined the side walks and demonstrated their enthusiasm and appreciation of his visit by their cheers.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Gay Retreat."

To-day—World Theatre; "A Man's Past."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Honeymoon Express."

To-day—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. Social, at 7.30 p.m.

April 22—Music, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

April 22—Further display of the "Contra-Dance" by the Sociedade Juvenil, at Club de Recreio, King's Park, 9 p.m.

April 22-23—Queen's Theatre; "The Quarterback."

April 22-23—World Theatre; "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30, 9.15.

April 22-23—Star Theatre; "Wild Beauty."

April 23—Entertainment to Hong Kong Garrison by the Society of St. George.

April 23—Committee and Members of St. George's Society "At Home" to H.M. Force in Queen's and Star Theatres.

April 24-25—Queen's Theatre; "Everybody's Acting."

April 24-25—Star Theatre; "The General."

April 25—St. Peter's Club concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

April 26-28—Queen's Theatre; "The Cohens and Kelly's in Paris."

April 26-28—Star Theatre; "Footloose Widows."

April 30—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. dance, at Helena May Institute.

Lammett's Auction.

April 23—Miscellaneous goods, Sales Room, Duddell-st., 11 a.m.

April 26—Valuable Curios, at Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

April 27—Household furniture, 42, Humphreys-bldg., Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—St. Peter's Club first annual marathon race, 3 p.m.

To-day—H.K. Football Asscn.: Chinese Athletic v. R. N. 3.30 p.m.

Lai-Wah Cup final, 5 p.m.

April 28—Hong Kong Boxing Association's final tournament, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Meetings.

April 23—Extraordinary meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11 a.m.

April 24—Fiftieth annual meeting of China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., at Company's offices, Pedder-st., noon.

April 24—Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

April 24—Laying of foundation stone for the erection and extension of the East wing of the H.K. University by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce.

April 27—Laying of foundation stone of new St. Stephen's-bldg. by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

WAR FILMS.

Whatever else may emerge from the controversy surging round the expediency of war films, one thing is certain, the film as a factor in modern life is being taken seriously.

says the London "Daily Telegraph." Now that it is seen to have power to bring about international complications it attains a new importance. We have already expressed the view that no good, but rather harm, is done by the prolongation of embittered war memories, and we welcomed accordingly the ban placed upon the exhibition of the Nurse Cavell film.

The letter from Captain Berkeley, the author of the film, does not, in our opinion, affect the larger view of what was fittingly expressed by the Earl of Birkenhead in his letter. Nor does that view need to be modified because it is announced that a film entitled "The World War Through German Spectacles" has been passed by the Board of Film Censors and is shortly to be shown in London. Rather must it be reiterated. Among other incidents said to be depicted in this German film is the shelling of Paris by "Big Bertha." Its general purpose is presumably to show the war from the German standpoint.

It is surely carrying the English temperament too far to forbid the exhibition of a picture depicting the heroic self-sacrifice of a noble Englishwoman if at the same time our own people are to be invited to witness a film glorifying the needs of our recent enemies. What is at stake is not the merits or demerits of particular films, but a broad question of principle.

Are we, or are we not, to keep alive, by means of the film, the memory of unhappy and terrible things belonging to the grim years of war? If we desire to foster by every means those things which contribute to the peace and amity of the nations of the world we can see only one wise answer to that question, and we hope, therefore, that steps will be taken to reconsider, in the light of recent developments, the desirability of all films likely to excite emotions which are best forgotten.

Mr. Austin Hopkinson, Independent M.P. for Mossley, Lancashire, addressing the Council of the Charity Organisation Society at Denison House, S.W., said it was quite possible even under present conditions for members to be elected to the House of Commons without telling any deliberate and large lies to the electors. He continued: "Very likely I have told quite a lot of lies to my constituents. They were not deliberate lies, however, and they were not told knowingly."

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CINEMA NOTES.

TO-DAY'S LAST TIME SHOWINGS.

"The Gay Retreat," the exceedingly funny war comedy which has been drawing large houses at the Queen's Theatre since Wednesday, is being screened for the last time to-day. Sammy Cohen and Ted McNamara, the two comic marines who achieved fame in "What Price Glory," are the leading players and they provide a tremendous amount of fun. The climax is as original as it is absurdly amusing.

WORLD THEATRE.

"A Man's Past," with Conrad Veidt, well known European screen actor, is being screened for the last time to-day at the World Theatre. This picture presents the strange romance of a doctor who escapes from prison only to find himself compelled to pose as the brother of the woman he adores! In the supporting cast are Barbara Bedford and Arthur Edmund Carew.

STAR THEATRE.

"The Honeymoon Express," showing at the Star Theatre for the last time to-day, deals with the trials of a "doormat" mother who suddenly decides to revolt. The picture is essentially a comedy although it also offers sober matter of interest. Willard Louis and Irene Rich are the leading players, while Helena Costello, Holmes Herbert and Jane Winton give excellent support.

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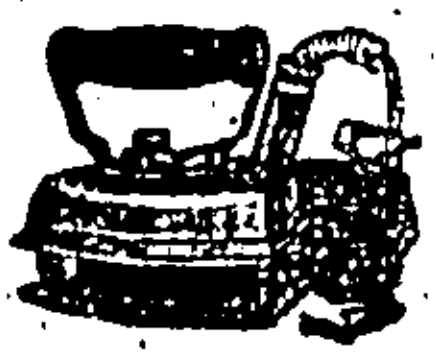
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The Cheer 'O (Y.M.C.A.) dance
which was postponed from April
23, is announced to take place on
April 30, at the Helena May In-
stitute.

In Canton on Thursday, Mr. Chu
Shue-sing, son of the Commissioner
of Foreign Affairs, was married,
the ceremony being a quiet one.
Later, at the Hotel Asia, a recep-
tion was held.

The National Hunt Stoeplechase
at Cheltenham is shown in to-
morrow's British topical gazette at
the Queen's Theatre, which also
includes views of Nelson's
"Victory," glimpses of H.M.S.
"Tiger," and Submarine L22 sub-
merging with the King of
Afghanistan on board.

With reference to the appeal for
papers and periodicals for the
Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. the
Committee wish it to be clearly
understood that donations of
money towards cost of same (or
alternatively orders on news
agents) will be most gratefully re-
ceived and acknowledged by the
Secretary.

Yesterday evening a smoking
concert was held at the R. E.
Theatre, Wellington Barracks, un-
der the auspices of the Royal
Artillery Association, and a very
enjoyable evening was spent by all
who attended. An extremely well
sustained programme reflected
great credit on the artists, which
included Major Tuke, M.C., Lieut.
Mason, W. O. Macdonald, R.S.M.,
Broadbridge, Sergts. Moore, Akers,
and Leach, L/Cpl. Stewart, Bdr.
Quinn and Pte. Brown, all of whom
were deservedly applauded for their
entertaining items.

At the St. Andrew's Church-Hall,
yesterday evening, a social was held
under the auspices of the gentle-
men of the Church vestry. The
many that attended spent a very
enjoyable evening, all taking part
in the games and competitions in
cheery spirit. At the conclusion,
the Rev. W. W. Rogers, Vicar of
Kowloon, in a short speech, thanked
those responsible for the social
for managing it so ably and also
expressed regret of the depar-
ture for home of two ardent
worshippers at St. Andrew's, Mr.
C. Mitchell and Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

"Sir Arthur Sullivan was a great
composer of comic opera, but in
Church music he never wrote any-
thing worth a cuss," declared Dr.
E. C. Baird, organist of York
Minster, in an adjudication on
church choirs at the Carlisle
musical festival. The choirs had
sung Sullivan's anthem "Love the
Lord." Dr. Baird said that this
effusion was the feeblest type of
Victorian music. Stupid, non-
sensical music had driven thousands
of people out of church. No in-
telligent person was going to listen
to such music sung in a complacent
way to-day.

New York.—Miss Peggy Joyce,
the blonde who is famous for her
marriages and jewels, has bought
the largest blue diamond in the
world. The trinket cost her \$60,
000. The stone has been set in a
close-fitting necklace made of a
single line of platinum links en-
crusted with small diamonds, an
adornment so flexible that the
huge jewel gleams with every
movement. The diamond,
weighing 127 carats, is more than
an inch square, and is named the
"Black Starr Frost Diamond" after
the company that obtained the
jewel from the Kimberley mines 15
years ago. Miss Joyce (who has
had four marriages dissolved) has
not been allowed to buy this unique
addition to her collection without a
report spreading that there is yet
another romance budding in her
life. But this rumour she herself
does not confirm.

After dining in a public house in
Canning Town, E., recently, Prince
Henry (now the Duke of Glouces-
ter) attended a boxing contest in
the hall adjoining Mansfield House
University Settlement. He re-
mained there after the boxing was
over, and it was 12.30 a.m. before,
surrounded by a crowd of enthu-
siastic young men, to whom he had
been talking in the Settlement, he
drove off. He dined first at the
Ordnance Arms. The party in-
cluded members of the Settlement.
The menu was soup, fish, chicken,
and cheese, and with his dinner
Prince Henry drank a glass of
beer. The party then walked across
the road to the settlement, where,
in the midst of an audience of
young men employed in every kind
of work, Prince Henry watched the
boxing. It was in aid of the Lady
Trower sports ground for the
Settlement. Prince Henry stayed
for more than an hour after the
last contest and visited every part
of the building, taking great inter-
est in the activities. He chatted
with young men in the reading-
room—dockers and stevedores—
some of whom had no idea that a
royal visitor would see them at
their evening's recreation.

Chittagong, April 20.—A Mahom-
medan has stabbed to death the
district magistrate, Mr. G. H. W.
Davies.—Reuter.

Dr. Alice Deborah Hickling,
M.B.E., has been re-appointed to
the Midwives Board for a further
three years from April 42.

The Middlesbrough Watch Com-
mittee has advised police officers
who own or drive motor vehicles to
insure against third party risks.

Mr. S. H. Ross has been appoint-
ed by the Supreme Court liquida-
tor, in addition to Mr. J. Hennessey
Seth, for the Kam Wing Bank,
Hong Kong.

The name of Dr. (Miss) Martha
Hunter Hoehing, L.R.C.P. and
L.R.C.S. (Edinburgh) has been
added to the local register of
medical practitioners.

The first performance of the cen-
tenary revival of Ibsen's play
"Hedda Gabler" took place at the
Everyman Theatre, N.W., the char-
acters being dressed in the pic-
turesque costumes of the period.

Two honorary aides-de-camp to
H.E. the Governor have been ap-
pointed. They are Subedar Major
Sultan Ahmed, 3/15th Punjab
Regiment, and Subedar Major
Mungul Singh, Hong Kong &
Singapore Brigade, Royal Artillery.

Unless cause is shown to the con-
trary within three months,
the following companies will
be struck off the register and dis-
solved:—The General Exchange
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Alexander P. Moore, of Pitts-
burgh, who it is rumored will suc-
ceed Miles Polidexter as Amba-
sador to Peru.

Yesterday evening, the Blue
Funnel Liner, s.s. "Bellerophon,"
sailed for Liverpool, with a further
contingent of troops sent to China
during the recent trouble in the
North. The party consisted of the
entire engine repair section of the
R.A.F., with an addition of six men
from the Kai Tak Aerodrome.
Totalling 72 men, they sail under
the command of F. O. Jones, who
is the only officer in the batch. The
engine section was stationed at the
Cameron-road camp while in Kow-
loon.

It had to come. The great new
Orang-utan at the London Zoo is to
be renamed. He reached England
with the name "Ginger," which
was bestowed—or rather plastered
—on him by the irreverent sailors
in his ship. When we really saw
him in the comparative freedom of
the Experimental Ape House, it
was clear that this flippant term
did not fit him in the slightest.
He is dignified—majestic almost.
No one ever smiled when he swung
himself about the great cage with
his 10ft. stretch of arms. He sur-
rounded himself with an atmos-
phere of calm power, which was
almost terrific, and "Ginger" suit-
ed him no better than "Flossie"
fits a thunderbolt. It is practically
decided that his new name shall be
Marcus.

Gross estate amounting to
£35,065 was left by Mr. James
Orange, of Gray's Inn-square,
formerly of Hong Kong, who died
on September 27 last. Included in
the bequests are gifts of paintings,
water colours etc. to the Victoria
and Albert Museum, S. Kensington,
and of other paintings, lacquer,
prints etc. to the British Museum;
£200 to the Bishop of Hong Kong
for charitable purposes and £100
each to the Italian Convent and St.
Paul's Institution. Another prob-
ate concerns the estate of Mr.
David Gubbay, of Hertford-street,
Mayfair, W., formerly of Hong
Kong, who left £57,532, unspent.
Deceased was a director of Messrs.
David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., of the
Imperial Bank of Persia and of the
African Mercantile Company.

There are 68 undefended divorce
cases, including one nullity suit,
down for hearing, at Birmingham
Assizes, thirty-eight of the peti-
tioners being wives.

Damages of £1,000 were awarded
in the King's Bench Division to
the wife of Dr. Alfred L. Suchs, of
Wimpole-street, W., against Mr.
Frederick Eastman, of Lausanne-
road, Peckham, S.E., for injuries
received by her in a motor-car
collision on November 14, 1926.

The international golf match was
recently won by England, who de-
feated Siam. Afterwards the
King distributed the golf prizes
won during the year. Several of
these were won by Siamese ladies.
The King, in the course of a
humorous speech, confessed to his
fondness for the game.

The death occurred on the 16th
inst. at the Shanghai General
Hospital of Capt. Ian Tullibardine
Murray, a relative of the Duke of
Atholl, and a captain in the employ
of the Ningpo-Shanghai Steam-
ship Co. Capt. Murray, who was
well known on the coast, leaves a
widow to mourn his loss.

Never have the police made such
a haul of gambling paraphernalia
as at 5 Yates-road and 151 C Bub-
bling Well-road, Shanghai, as last
Sunday afternoon, says the
"N. C. D. News" to hand. Years
ago the raid on the Alhambra
yielded one wheel and that on the
North Honan establishment one,
which on examination proved to be
a fake, capable of being stopped
unperceived at any point. There is
nothing of this sort in the places
raided on Sunday, but evidence
enough that the gambling must
have been a lucrative business.
Seven different sorts of gaming
tables were found in Yates-road
and three in Bubbling Well-road.

That part of the docks of London
known as the Wapping Basin was
early one morning recently the
scene of a fire which destroyed part
of a building belonging to Harland
and Wolff, Ltd., ship repairers and
engineers, and used as a workshop.
The fire occurred during a snow-
storm. It was intensely cold and
water from the hoses turned to
icicles—some of them a foot long—
when it fell on part of the burning
building. Scores of men, women,
and children wrapped in blankets
left their homes in an adjacent
street, as the flames threatened to
spread. One gate at the docks had
to be burst open, and Albert Chap-
man, a Port of London policeman,
was injured in trying to climb over
it. He was taken to London Hos-
pital, but was able to go to his
home after treatment. Lines of
hose were run through an old burial
ground and over the graves in the
churchyard of St. John's Church.

Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minis-
ter, at the Junior Imperial League
Conference at the Albert Hall,
Kensington, S.W., said: "You do
not go into politics for what you
can get. You go there for what
you can give and do." He suggest-
ed to them—as a catchword, "We
have got to make democracy safe
for the world." Democracy was on
its trial. We had one immense ad-
vantage in having left to us the
Crown. "You will never," he de-
clared, "get that perfect democracy
at which we aim until the whole
people plays its part," and added:
If at home in Great Britain in
working our democracy we fail,
what then? Our failure would
shake the fabric of the universe.
Never in our history had people in
other lands looked to us more than
they did to-day to give the world
an example of well-ordered political
progress, of the way a great people
could hold together after such a
time as we had passed through.

Mr. Bert Hinkler, the Australian
airman who flew alone from Eng-
land to Australia in the record
time of 15½ days, made a spec-
tacular appearance on his arrival in
Sydney from Brisbane with his
usual punctuality. He was met by
an escort of aeroplanes a little
north of Sydney and, following the
line of the beflagged harbour, pro-
ceeded to the Mascot Aerodrome,
where more than 100,000 people
were waiting. He had an uproar-
ous reception. After an official
speech of welcome from Mr. Bavin,
the Premier of New South Wales,
Mr. Hinkler visited the Governor,
Sir Dudley De Chair, at Govern-
ment House. He said that his
flight was not a stunt, but a mis-
sion. He added: "My little ma-
chine is a triumph of British work-
manship and enterprise. It has
kept faith with me and the great
world of aviation." Mr. Hinkler's
machine, an Avro-Avian, with a
Cirrus engine of only 30-30-h.p.,
made at Croydon, was designed for
the "Daily Mail" light aeroplane
competition two years ago. "It
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Hinkler on his arrival at Port
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of the "Overland" is also worth keeping handy for future re-
ference. Subjects dealt with include the following:—

Opening of the Nationalist drive against Peking (with
comment and footnotes to elucidate matters for non-Chinese).
Marshal Li Chai-sum's return to Canton.
Legislative Council business.
Sanitary Board meeting.
Annual inspection of Police and Fire Brigade. Police
Reserve, with presentations and H.E.'s address.
Conclusion of visit of Japanese Fleet.
Kowloon affairs.
Piracy of another coastal steamer.
Lobo v. Lee Hysan libel case judgment.
Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals meeting.
Several public company meetings.

In addition to the above, the "Overland," as usual, con-
tains the week's local news, the Far Eastern cables, names of
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WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going
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Sport Columns

VARSITY BOXING.

HOW CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

CINGALESE LIGHTWEIGHT.

Cambridge.—The annual boxing contest between Oxford and Cambridge, held in the Corn Exchange here, resulted in a win for the Light Blues by six events to one.

There are apparently no fly-weight boxers in either of the universities this year, for the first contest staged was between two bantam-weights, J. K. Alexander (Oxford) and B. W. Ormond (Cambridge).

Alexander, the winner, was much the more enterprising, but the bout, on the whole, was a slow and rather a poor one.

The feather-weight contest between J. D. Broadbent (Oxford) and D. F. Glead (Cambridge) was a stern affair. When the bell went Glead charged from his corner and inflicted so much punishment that within a minute Broadbent was in obvious distress.

The Oxford representative was knocked down twice in the first round and three times in the second, and was so completely outclassed that after a total of four minutes the contest was stopped by the referee. Glead's display did him the utmost credit.

Cambridge won the light-weight event by reason of the excellence of D. G. Obeyesekere, a Cingalese. His opponent, M. J. Bessell, was one of the most talented and rugged fighters of the match, but so superior was the Ceylon youth that in the final round it looked almost certain that Bessell would be knocked out. Few amateurs in England could hope to beat the Cingalese.

Hard Thumping.

In the welter-weight contest the decision given to J. Shackleton (Cambridge) could only have been by a very narrow margin.

Hard thumping distinguished the middleweight contest, and the points victory of T. Wright (Cambridge) over D. A. Gilliat (Oxford) completed the evening for most of the spectators. Cambridge had then won the tournament by taking four of the seven events in succession. Results:

Bantam-weight.—J. K. Alexander (Oxford) beat B. W. Ormond (Cambridge) on points.

Feather-weight.—D. F. Glead (Cambridge) beat J. D. Broadbent (Oxford) in the second round.

Light-weight.—D. G. Obeyesekere (Cambridge) beat M. J. Bessell (Oxford) on points.

Welter-weight.—J. Shackleton (Cambridge) beat J. W. Leaning (Oxford) on points.

Middle-weight.—T. Wright (Cambridge) beat D. A. Gilliat (Oxford) on points.

Light-heavy-weight.—B. R. Armitage (Cambridge) beat F. A. Richardson (Oxford) on points.

Heavyweight.—J. L. G. Weall (Cambridge) beat B. J. Bevan (Oxford) in the second round.

LOCAL BOXING.

FINE PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

The Hong Kong Boxing Association will hold its final tournament at the Lee Theatre, Percival street, on Saturday, April 28. The programme is as follows:—

15 round light weight championship of the Colony and belt: Stoker Lake (H.M.S. "Durban") v. A. B. Davies (H.M.S. "Hermes").

10 round light-heavy weight contest: Marine Smith (H.M.S. "Hermes") v. A. B. Bromley (H.M.S. "Wishart").

6 round light weight contest: L. S. Hall (H.M.S. "Titanic") v. A. B. Mudge (H.M.S. "Berwick").

6 round feather weight contest: Stoker Britt (H.M.S. "Durban") v. Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.).

6 round bantam weight contest: Stoker Walters (H.M.S. "Hermes") v. Bdsman. McConnell (K.O.S.B.).

THE V.R.C.

NEW OFFICIALS ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday, Mr. W. Logan presiding, the following officers were elected:—

Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. J. Cooke.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. James Stewart.

General Committee: Messrs. W. Logan, A. Silva Netto, A. A. Alves, A. Anderson, G. Razavet, D. Lyon, P. W. Ramsay, P. A. Dixon, and J. R. Soares.

Balancing Committee: Messrs. C. Bond, A. Marcel, B. J. Moore, H.

RENE LACOSTE.

DOUBTFUL ABOUT WIMBLEDON.

ILLNESS EXPLAINED.

Paris.—René Lacoste, the famous lawn-tennis player, whose illness has led to alarming reports, has made clear his position and his plans.

He is not yet sure if he will compete at Wimbledon, but will do so if he is able.

Lacoste has had two months in bed, and although he is now able to get out he looks pale and far from well. He does not expect to



René Lacoste.

resume practice until possibly, the middle of April.

"I shall concentrate on helping France to defend the Davis Cup at the end of July," he said, "and for that Wimbledon would be the best possible training. But everything depends on my health, and, besides, I have a great deal of work to do, so that I must cut down my play to a minimum."

Trench Mouth.

Regarding his illness, this is the explanation he gave:

"There seems to have been a great deal of confusion about what I am suffering from. Some one said I had 'angina pectoris', which is the hardening of the arteries around the heart. Thank Heaven, I have nothing like that. What I really have is known as 'angina de Vincent', which is an infection of the tonsils and throat—so-called because the germs were discovered by a Dr. Vincent. It is the disease sometimes called 'trench mouth', which was first in evidence among the soldiers during the war."

"It is not serious, but one must take good care of oneself. I have been doing that for nearly two months."

When he was at the Sporting Club de Paris he had a large woollen scarf around his throat. When he went out he pulled the scarf up around his mouth, shutting out all the cold air.

His Own Translator.

"In one way my illness did me good," he continued. "It gave me a good rest and also a chance to work on my book."

"It is a technical book on tennis. It gives methods of attack and defence and general court tactics. We, in France, have never had a real serious tennis book, and I see the need of it. I hope to get it out within the month."

Next year he hoped to get it out in English.

"Nobody will translate it, because I shall write it in English," said Lacoste. "Of course, it may have to be corrected, but I'd rather write my own book in my own way."

He said he was afraid that the French team now making a world tour—Borotra, Brugnon and Bousseau—might be overdoing the thing.

"Cochet is also doing a great deal of playing," he continued. "He has hardly missed a tournament on the Riviera this season. There is danger of 'going stale' if one plays too much. So you see we have the extremes in the French team this year—some of us who have possibly not played enough and others who may have played a bit too much. Maybe the combination will be a good one."

Hyndman, W. Ward, J. M. M. Alves, F. Lefebvre, D. Lafing, F. Eaves, J. Victor.

The services of Mr. G. T. May were retained as Secretary's assistant for the ensuing year.

A BOOKMAKER?

TAX CLAIMED ON TOTALISATOR INVESTMENTS.

A ROBOT.

A test case raising the question whether a company owning a totalisator is a bookmaker within the meaning of Sections 15 and 18 of the Finance Act, 1926, came before Mr. Justice Rowlett in the King's Bench Division.

The Judge said he would give his decision. "It's a puzzling little point," he stated.

It arose on an information filed by the Attorney-General against the Luncheon and Sports Club, Ltd., the proprietors of the Stadium Club, of High Holborn.

The Attorney-general alleged that the company, which has a totalisator, is a club to register the wagering operations of members on horse racing, and comes within the definition of a bookmaker, and that a betting tax of 3½ per cent. on all investments made on the club totalisator is payable by it, since the Act came in force on November 1, 1926.

The Solicitor-general, Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., for the Crown, quoted the sections of the Finance Act applicable to the case. He said that the question for the Court was whether the money paid in respect of transactions recorded on a totalisator at the club was paid as bets which were subject to the betting duty.

"Bets."

Section 15 of the Act provided that duty should be paid on every bet made with a bookmaker.

The duty was payable by the bookmaker who, under section 18, was described as—

"Any person who, whether on his own account or as servant or agent of any other person, carries on, whether occasionally or regularly, the business of receiving or negotiating bets, or who in any manner holds himself out, permits himself to be held out, in any manner as a person who receives or negotiates bets."

Section 18 described the expression "bet" as meaning "a bet on any event of any kind."

The Act, said the Solicitor-General, provided that a duty was to be levied and paid on every bet made with a bookmaker. The question arose whether a bet was made, whether the defendants were bookmakers, and whether a bet was made with a bookmaker.

"I hope your lordship will understand the working of this totalisator machine," remarked Sir Thomas Inskip, "because I myself am not very sure that I understand very much about it, even after the full instructions I have received."

Sir Thomas Inskip explained the organisation of the club, stating that the members were elected in the ordinary way, but their election was subject to confirmation by the company. At one end of the great hall of the club was the totalisator and the pari-mutuel. The gallery was used for the purposes of a restaurant and the floor of the hall as a boxing ring. The totalisator was a mechanical apparatus and was purely automatic. It was used on big race days, such as the Derby. The pari-mutuel was worked on exactly the same principle, except that it was operated by

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SOCCER TRANSFERS.

CHAMBERS JOINS THE ALBION.

INTERNATIONAL FORWARD.

Harry Chambers, the famous Liverpool forward was transferred to West Bromwich Albion. Chambers has played for England at inside left and at centre forward. His last game for England was against Ireland in 1924. Liverpool have played, Chambers at centre half in their last two matches.

Liverpool completed negotiations with St. Johnstone for the transfer of McBain, the Scottish club's half-back. The fee is stated to have been in the neighbourhood of £3,000. McBain has played for Everton, Manchester United, and Ayr United.

Gillingham have transferred S. Meston, their outside right, to Everton, the northern club transferring G. Doolin, an inside right, to Gillingham.

Amos Dee, a half-back, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, has also been transferred to Gillingham.

"TOM" CRUMBIE.

FAMOUS RUGBY FIGURE DEAD.

Mr. Tom Crumie, for thirty-four years secretary of the Leicester Rugby Club and known to everybody in the Rugby world, died at Leicester in mail week. He had been ill for some time, but his death came suddenly.

Until a few months ago he had missed only six of the Leicester club's matches, either at home or away, and then he was too unwell to attend.

Mr. Crumie raised the famous "Tigers" from a small beginning to the leading position they now occupy, combining a genius for organisation with a discriminating eye for players of promise.

It was through Mr. Crumie that Leicester adopted the seven-forward and eight-back formation which brought them many critics but a continuance of success.

hand. It was merely a blackboard with figures.

Buttons and Handles.

The Solicitor-General alluded to the totalisator as a robot. Saturday, he said, was settling day, when the winnings were paid out and the losses should be paid in, but the latter depended on the habits of members.

The totalisator was most elaborate and ingenious. It was worked by people who merely pressed buttons or turned handles.

Sir Thomas Inskip said that the company stood the risk of bad debts if there were defaulters who did not pay their losses.

Mr. Justice Rowlett.—The company don't give credit, do they?

Sir Thomas Inskip.—They give credit up to an agreed amount, and they set aside a commission of 2½ per cent. as a reserve fund to cover bad debts.

The Far East interport rifle contest will take place this year in May.

DO YOU KNOW?

Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. An artificial person is a body of persons which has a corporate existence, e.g., a trading company, and has rights and liabilities similar to those of a private individual.

2. Allspice is berry of pimento, tree of West Indies; it is supposed to combine the flavours of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves.

3. The London Hospital is the largest in England.

4. U.S.A. were last at war with Great Britain 1812-1814.

5. King Edward VII. was Prince of Wales longer than any other sovereign.

6. Achilles statue, Hyde Park, London, was erected in honour of the Duke of Wellington.

PEER'S HEIR.

SENT TO PRISON AFTER JEWELLERY THEFT.

AFTER DRINKING BOUT.

The Hon. Lawrence Palk, 32, son and heir of Lord Haldon, was sent to prison for two months' hard labour by the Tottenham magistrates for stealing twenty-five rings, valued at £50, and other jewellery of the value of £20.

He was described as a shop assistant, of no fixed address, and the jewellery was the property of his employer, Mrs. Jenny Eayres, of High-road, Tottenham.

Evidence given at a previous hearing was that Mr. and Mrs. Eayres, at the request of Lady Haldon took the prisoner, in on January 16 with the intention of teaching him the watchmaking trade. On February 11 he went out, stating that he was going to see his mother, and later the jewellery was missed.

Subsequently Palk gave himself up at St. Anne's-road Police Station, and expressed his regret for what he had done. He said he wished to make amends.

He had been under remand for a week for medical examination, and a certificate was now presented to the magistrates which stated that no evidence had been found of insanity or mental defect.

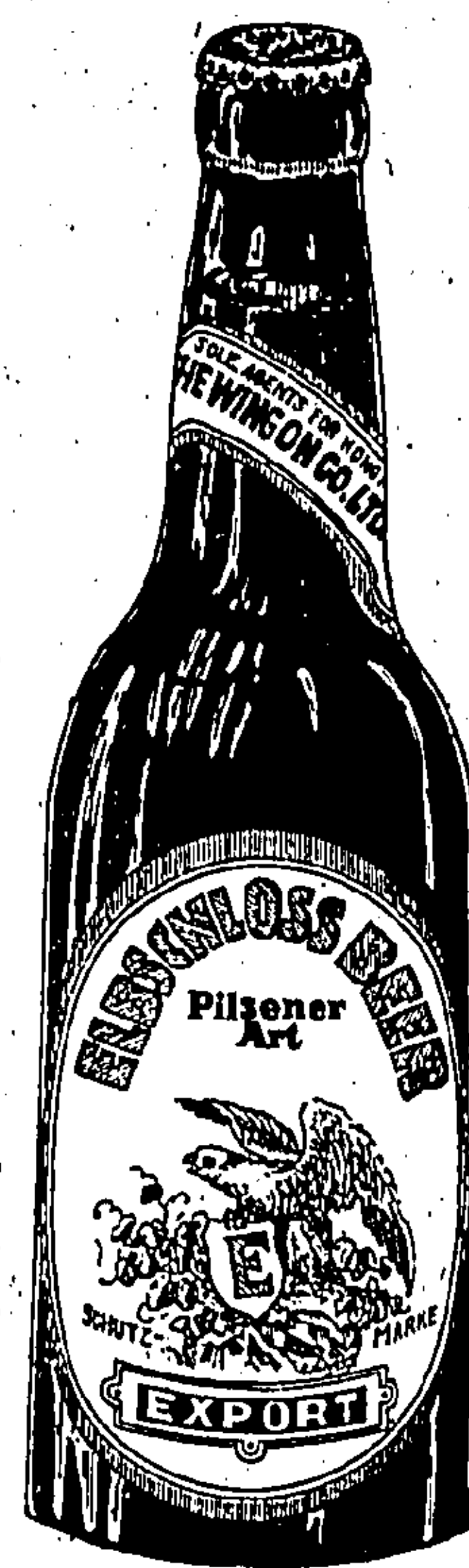
Mr. G. Shaw, a retired tobacconist, of Fetter-lane, said he had known the prisoner's family for some time. Mr. Palk always committed these offences when under the influence of drink. If the magistrates would give him another chance he (Mr. Shaw) and Mr. Eayres, who was willing to take him back, would watch over him.

EQUAL STRATUS.

INDEPENDENT POLICY FOR CANADA.

Paris.—The Academie Diplomatique Internationale has concluded its first year of existence, and the second was opened by an interesting meeting held at its headquarters in the Maison Franco-Américaine, in the Avenue Victor Emmanuel.

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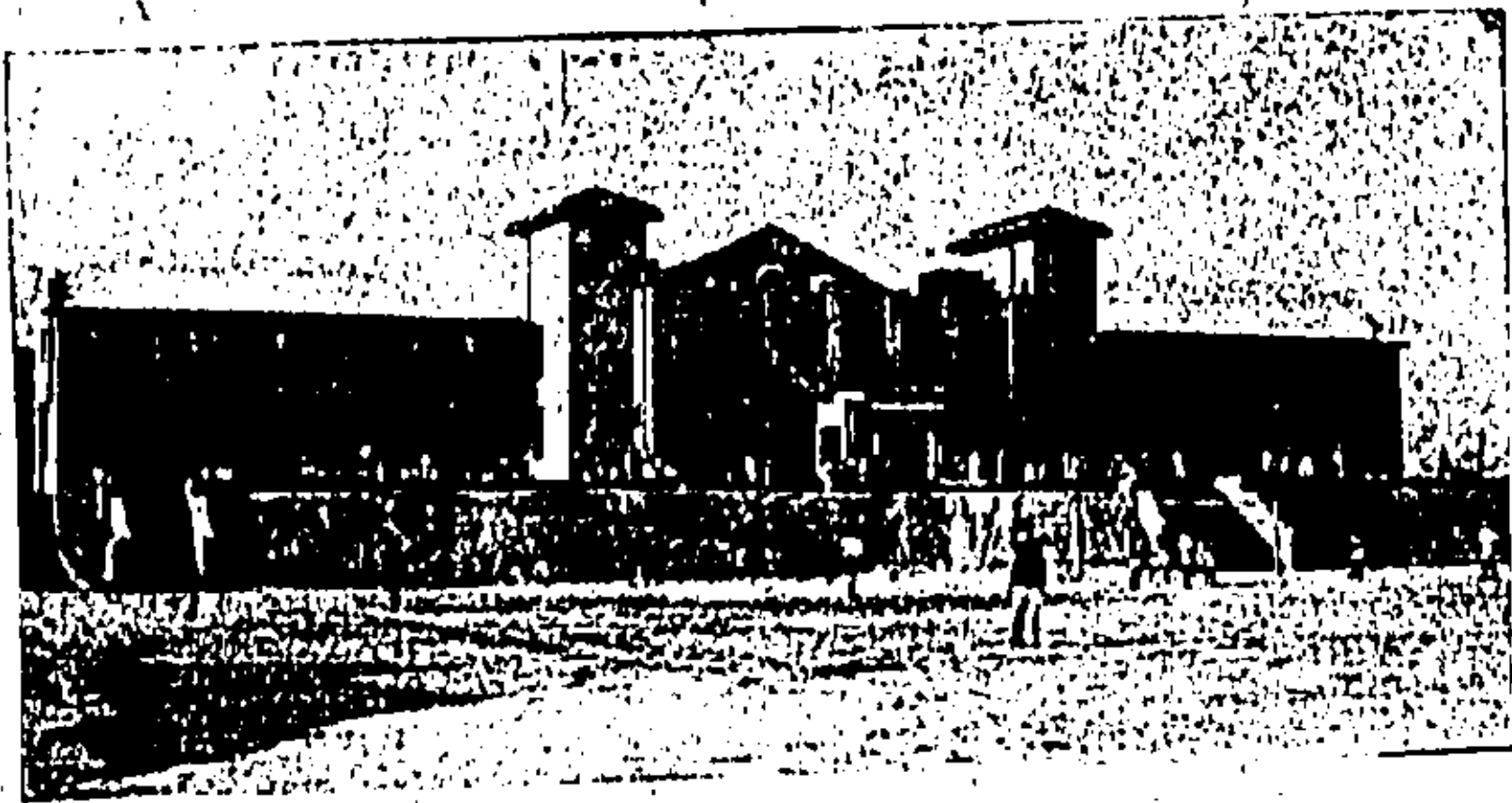
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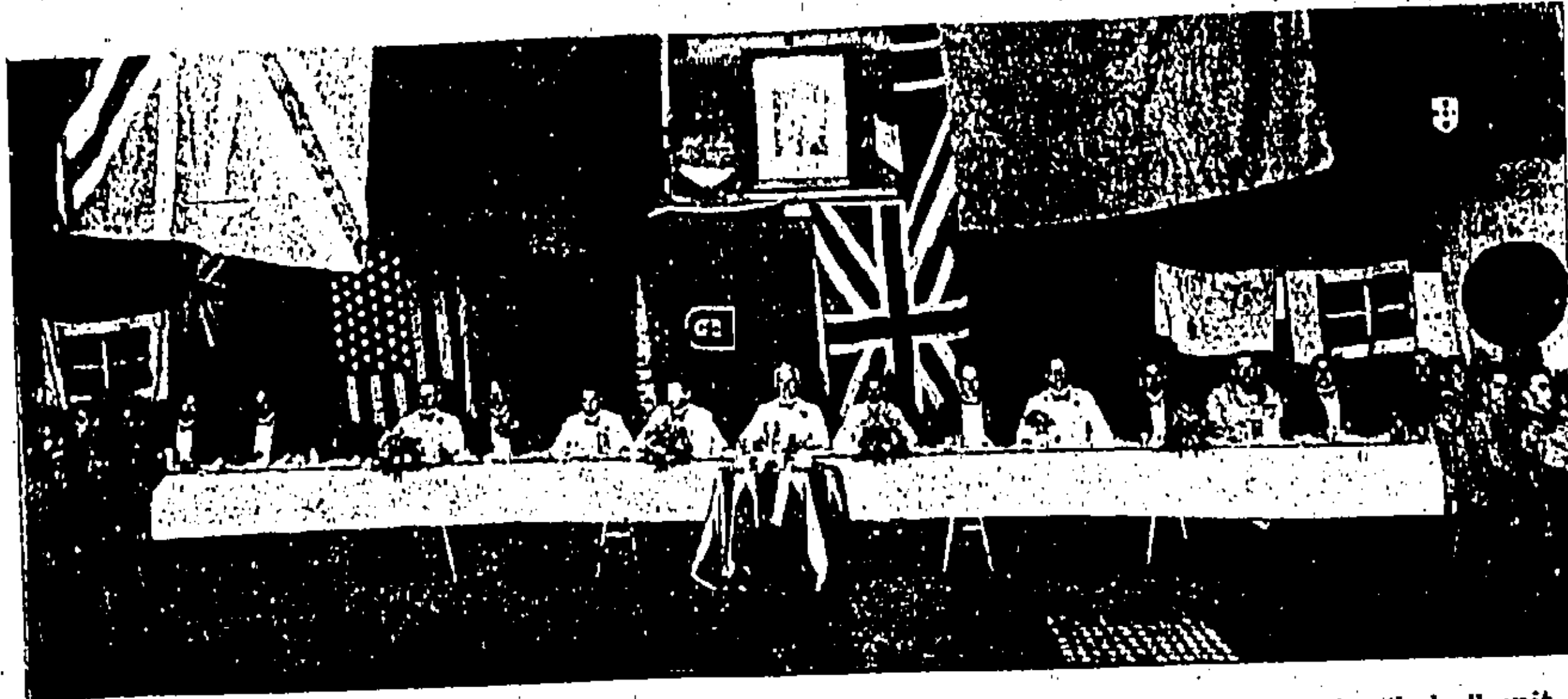
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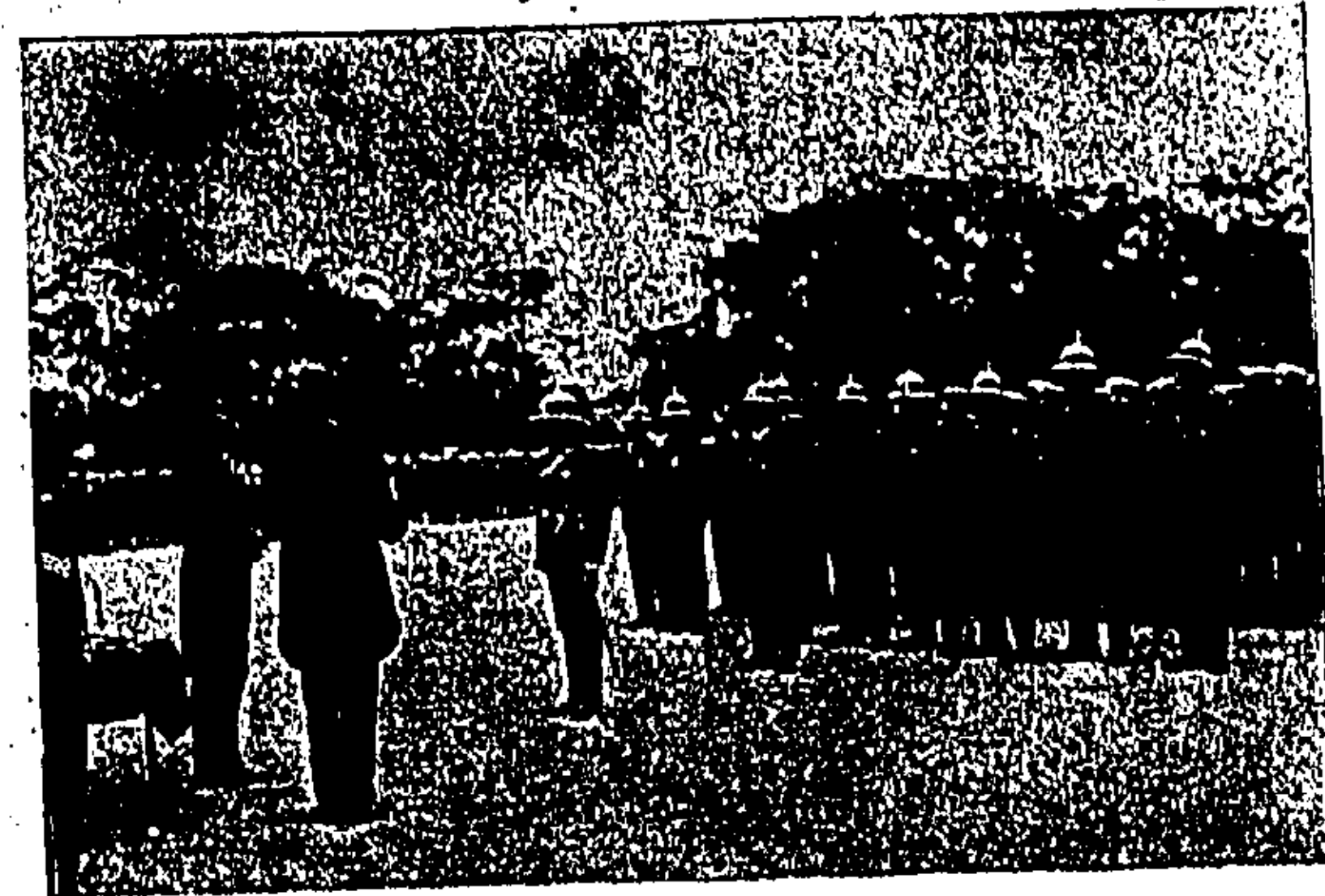
THE WEEK'S NEWS IN PICTURES.



NEW DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HOMUNTIN.—Here a very successful "At Home" was held last Saturday afternoon, over 800 guests attending in response to the invitation of the Headmaster, Mr. Featherstone. Our picture gives a good idea of the spaciousness of the new building, with a part of the sports ground in the foreground. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



PORTUGUESE COMPANY, H.K.V.D.C.—The Members of this Company, the "baby" unit of the Corps, are here seen at their first dinner, held last Saturday at the Volunteer Headquarters. Seated at the main table are, among others, Lieut.-Col. Bird, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the H.K.V.D.C., Captain F. Leitao, Officer Commanding the Portuguese Company of the Shanghai Volunteer Defence Corps, Major Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., Adjutant, Lt. R. R. Davies, M.C., commanding the Portuguese Company, and Lt. Norrie Owen. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



GOVERNOR INSPECTS POLICE.—H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) during the week inspected the Hong Kong Police Force as well as the Police Reserve, including the newly-formed Company of Sharpshooters. His Excellency is here seen presenting medals to a selected body of the Force. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, is standing in front of the recipients. (Photo: A. Fong.)



REMEDIOS — MONTALTO de JESUS.—A wedding of particular interest to the Portuguese community was that of Mr. Hermillo H. dos Remedios to Miss Lucilla Montalto de Jesus, which took place on Sunday at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Included in the group are Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee and Mr. P. M. N. da Silva, and the following attendants on the bride.—The Misses Ellaline Osmund, Pacita Montalto de Jesus, Marie Eca da Silva, Carmen Xavier, Sylvia Remedios and Edith and Laura Nolasco da Silva. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



"SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARITY FOOTBALL CUP.—One of the principal trophies of the local soccer season which practically closed yesterday, won by Scotland.



FOX—HAMSON.—The wedding of Mr. Henry Leslie Fox and Miss Constance Bird Hamson at St. John's Cathedral last Saturday was attended by large numbers of the younger community of which the bride and bridegroom are popular members. Among those in the picture are Mr. R. H. Hamson, father of the bride, Mr. G. Kelly, Best Man, Miss E. Fox, sister of the bridegroom, and the Rev. N. V. Halward who officiated. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



THE HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.—The senior unofficial member of both the Executive and Legislative Councils, Hong Kong, whose questions to the Government have attracted wide attention.



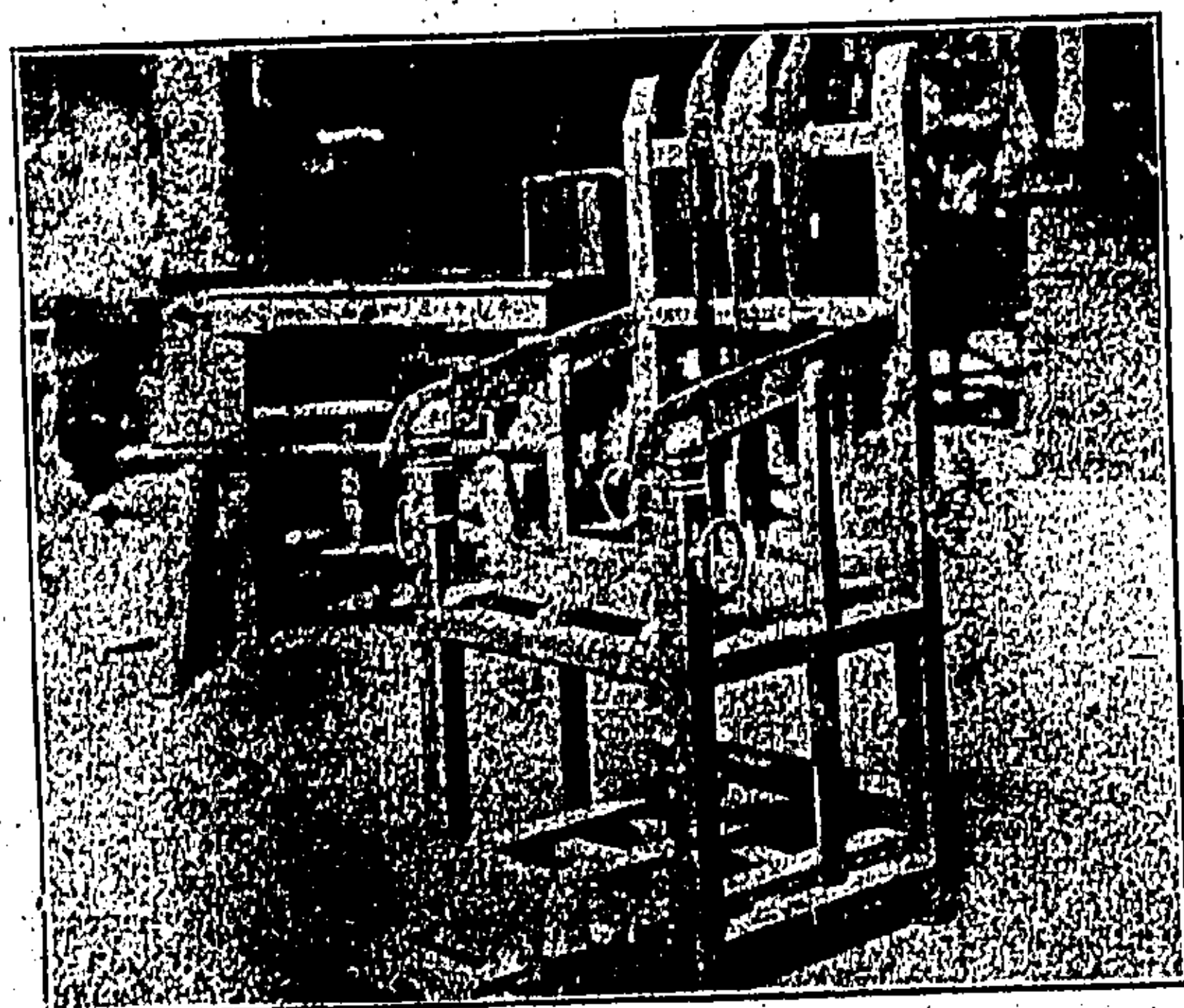
FERGUSON—FERGUSON.—The wedding of Miss L. Ferguson and Mr. J. C. Ferguson took place on April 11 at Union Church. Mrs. Lily H. Urquhart was Matron of Honour.



GARDNER—FOLLETT.—Mr. H. E. Gardner, the well-known local singer, is here seen with his bride, Miss M. P. Follett, on the occasion of their wedding at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday last. Among the friends in the group are Mr. G. H. Bell, Manager of the P. & O. Bank in which the bridegroom is employed, Mr. A. J. Bird, of the Chartered Bank, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Dunbar, also Miss Irene Butler, Master Oliver Womack and the Misses Jacky and Jill Hargreaves-Browne. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



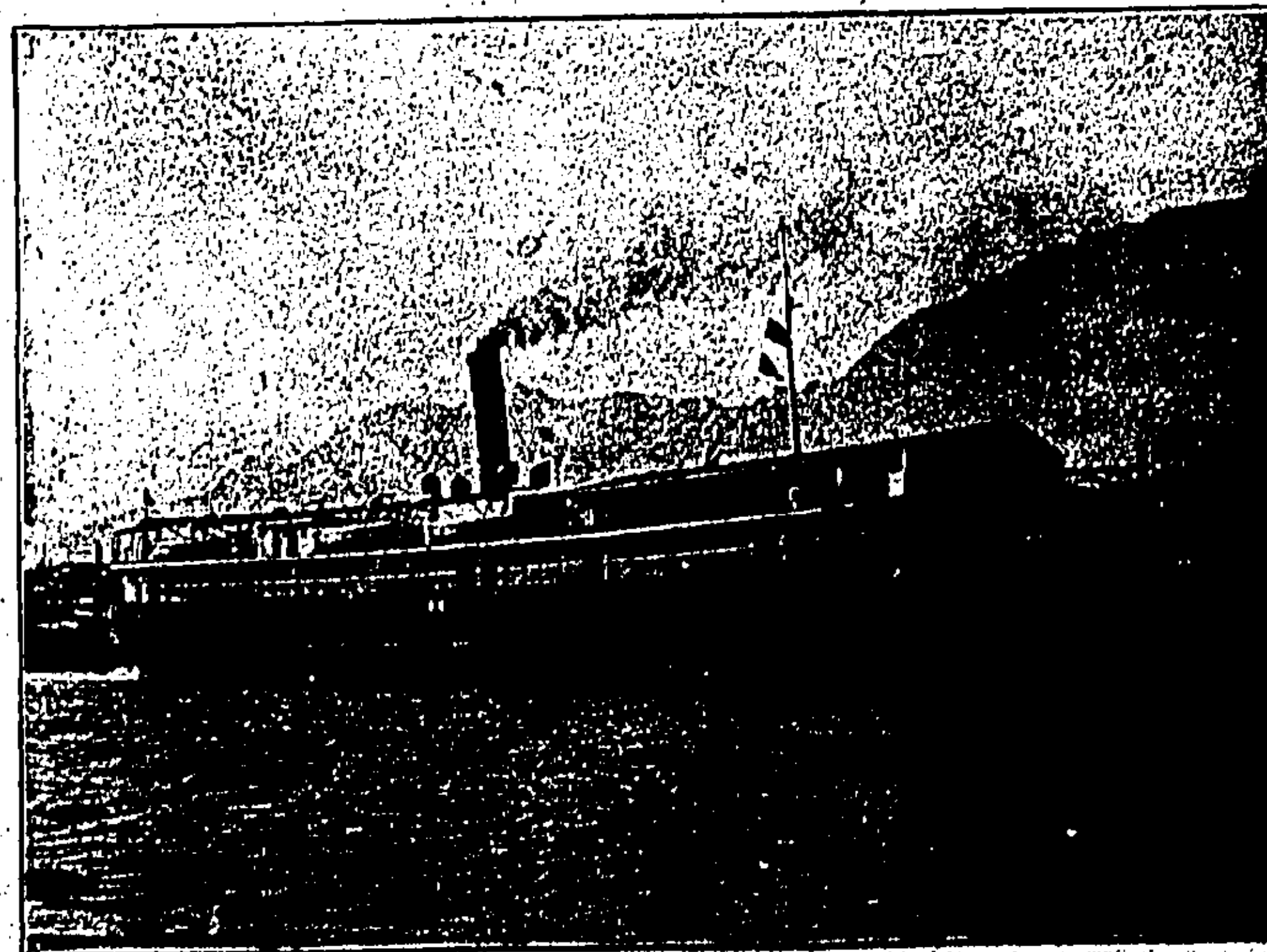
THE BISHOP OF VICTORIA.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppuy, D.D., who left for Shanghai this week to attend the sixth synod of the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui.



RARE "JOSS" CHAIR.—Many Chinese have this week paid tribute at a famous temple at Shauiwan in which is this rare chair with the back, arm-rests, etc., made of swords. The "Jooss" of the temple is carried about in this chair when processions are held.



MR. B. TANNER.—Predecessor of Mr. A. H. Crook as Headmaster of Queen's College. Although Mr. Tanner has retired, he was "toasted" at the eighth annual dinner of the Old Boys' Association, the proposer being Mr. W. Roy, the present School Master.



EXCURSION STEAMER.—The Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. excursion ship, the "H.K. & M.C. Co.'s s.s. excursion ship," is to Macao to-day. How many Hong Kong-ites have to thank this ship for a pleasant week-end?

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"The Life of Lord Curzon." By
Lord Ronaldshay. Vol. I.
(Benn, 21s.)

The first of Lord Ronaldshay's three volumes covers in considerable, but never ponderous, detail Lord Curzon's career from infancy to the eve of his departure for India as Viceroy at the age of thirty-nine. It reveals a man of exceptional gifts and amazing industry, who lived abundantly, and bubbled over with animal spirits, danced, joked, did all those things which high-spirited youth in love with life and with a consuming passion for laughter insists on doing the whole world over.

The curvature of the spine which attacked him on leaving Eton, and caused him life-long suffering, explains to some extent the abnormal sensitiveness which his mask of hauteur and reserve hid from all but his closest friends. He was emotional and highly strung.

At a dinner at Bombay, given by the then Governor, Lord Lamington, to welcome him on his return to take up for a second time the toils and responsibilities of the Viceroyalty, he rose to respond to the toast of his health, and that of Lady Curzon, too ill, unhappily, to accompany him from England. Overcome by a sudden wave of emotion, induced by the proposer's kindly reference to this misfortune, he stood for some moments choking with sobs, unable to utter audibly the opening sentences of his reply.

Great Letter Writer.

His, in fact, was a character as different from the usual conception of a "superior person" as any could well be.

Early in life he acquired a taste for letter writing, and throughout his career maintained a tremendous and unceasing output from his pen—much of it work of trifling importance which should obviously have been delegated to someone else.

He gave to the engaging of a servant the same exhaustive study that he brought to bear upon a problem of international diplomacy. The Concert of Europe might be given asunder... but George Curzon would still be found nonchalantly directing the daily working of his household.

When about to leave for India he undertook to find a suitable nurse for his children, and described his interview with one of the applicants in a nine-page letter to Lady Curzon:

...She is not in the least like a nurse, but exactly like an indigent lady placed in charge of children with a practical and scientific knowledge in which indigent persons are usually deficient.

Then followed some doubts whether she was intimate with the life, clothing, and education of young children—"All these are rudiments, however, which the meanest intelligence should acquire." And so on for three or four more pages.

Tenderness and Delicacy.

Lord Ronaldshay reveals that for two years Lord Curzon and Miss Letler, afterwards the first Lady Curzon, were secretly engaged. His letters bearing on this romance, unsuspected by even his closest friends, show a nature of great tenderness and delicacy.

This is a thoroughly interesting biography despite its excessive length, but it would have been the liveliest for compression.

Miss Olive Wadley recently finished a novel which Cassell will publish under the title "First Love."

"CHUNG HUA."

MONTHLY OF THE CHINA
CLUB, SEATTLE.

The China Mail has received the first number of "Chung Hua," a monthly journal published by the China Club, of Seattle, "in the interest of friendly relations between the peoples of China and the United States and of a more perfect mutual understanding of their ideals and civilisation."

The Hon. Alfred So-ke Sze, the Chinese Minister at Washington sends words of greeting and Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin contributes an article entitled "Can We Understand China?"

The China Club of Seattle has been in existence for ten years.

LORD OXFORD'S BOOK.

Publication in
September.

Shortly before his death the Earl of Oxford and Asquith completed the reminiscences upon which he had been working for two years, and the book will be published in two volumes by Cassell's on September 6.

The book is a complete record of Lord Oxford's life and career, and is entitled "Memories and Reflections: 1852-1927." He has included a number of important letters dealing with the war and other matters, which throw a new light upon many controversial points. There is also some material from a private diary.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Emerald Trails—by Jackson Gregory—Hodder and Stoughton (7/6).

The One Girl in a Million by Louis Tracy—Hodder and Stoughton (7/6).

The Man Who Laughed—by Gerard Fairlie—Hodder and Stoughton (7/6).

Report on the Chinese Post Office—Directorate-General of Posts, Shanghai. (Without map \$5.50; with map \$1.50).

AMBASSADOR AND PRINCE.

One hears that Lord D'Abernon is writing an account of his very notable embassy to Germany, and that he hopes to have it ready for the autumn with Hodder and Stoughton. We shall also soon have a volume from Hutchinson which touches on important European affairs, the author being Prince Nicholas of Greece, who has already written his personal reminiscences. It will be called "Political Memoirs."

A FAMOUS EMPRESS.

We are to get a new series of letters by the Empress Catherine of Russia, most of which were addressed to an Englishman. This was Sir Charles Hanbury-Williams, who was our Ambassador at the Russian Court in the fateful year 1766. He was devoted to Catherine, but her warmest affections were given to his protégé and secretary, Count Poniatowski, and the collection contains letters to him also. Lord Ilchester and Mrs. Langford-Brooke edit the correspondence, which Thornton Butterworth will publish.

GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

Students of modern political history know that, since the war, the German Foreign Office has published over forty volumes of the diplomatic correspondence of the German Government with the Powers of Europe. Mr. E. T. S. Dugdale makes a selection, dealing mainly with Anglo-German affairs, of this mass of material, for a work which Methuen promises under the title, "Germany and England, 1871-1914." It will run to more than one volume, and the first is to be ready this spring.

MEMOIRS.

IN NAPOLEON'S
CLOTHES.

LIVELY AND INTERESTING.

"Private and Personal." By
Brigadier-General W. H. H.
Waters. (Murray, 18s.)

General Waters's new book is as good as its predecessor, which means that it is very good indeed, lively, interesting, and packed with entertaining anecdotes from cover to cover. He was a favourite of the ex-Kaiser and has much that is friendly to say of that Sovereign.

The German Crown Prince gets no praise.

With scant knowledge of public affairs he became strongly militaristic, was impatient of control, greatly lacking in mental vision and steadiness of character. His upbringing was not calculated to strengthen his character, and the same remark applies to his brother, except perhaps Prince Adalbert.

So strictly were these unfortunate princes brought up that they were kept extraordinarily short of money.

The Crown Prince's purse before his marriage in 1905 was so small—at least its contents were—that the only possible way by which he could gratify his desire to give a present might be by parting with something from his own personal belongings.

General Waters tells us that he got on well with the Germans as British Military Attache, and perhaps because of this he shows a distinct German bias.

My relations with the German authorities were always pleasant and straightforward. They were open-handed, and presented me from time to time with samples of their service powder, cartridges, field glasses, and other articles of equipment which we should have been very glad to obtain on payment.

Glow of 500 Ghosts.

He had an opportunity of examining closely Napoleon's clothes, which were captured after Waterloo by Blucher's Hussars in Napoleon's carriage. This carriage Count Lothar Blucher, a descendant of the old Prussian soldier, wished to give to King Edward VII. on his coronation, and was only prevented from doing so by the ex-Kaiser's displeasure.

I tried on the tunic, the author says, which fitted me more or less in the arms and back but would have taken two of me in the chest; the neck was so enormous that the front part of the coat went straight out from it.

It was at Count Lothar's castle that the general saw during the night "a rosy glow which practically filled the room and gradually disappeared." His wife also saw it, and they were afterwards told that the glow proceeded from the ghosts of 500 Brandenburgers who had been massacred there in the Thirty Years' War.

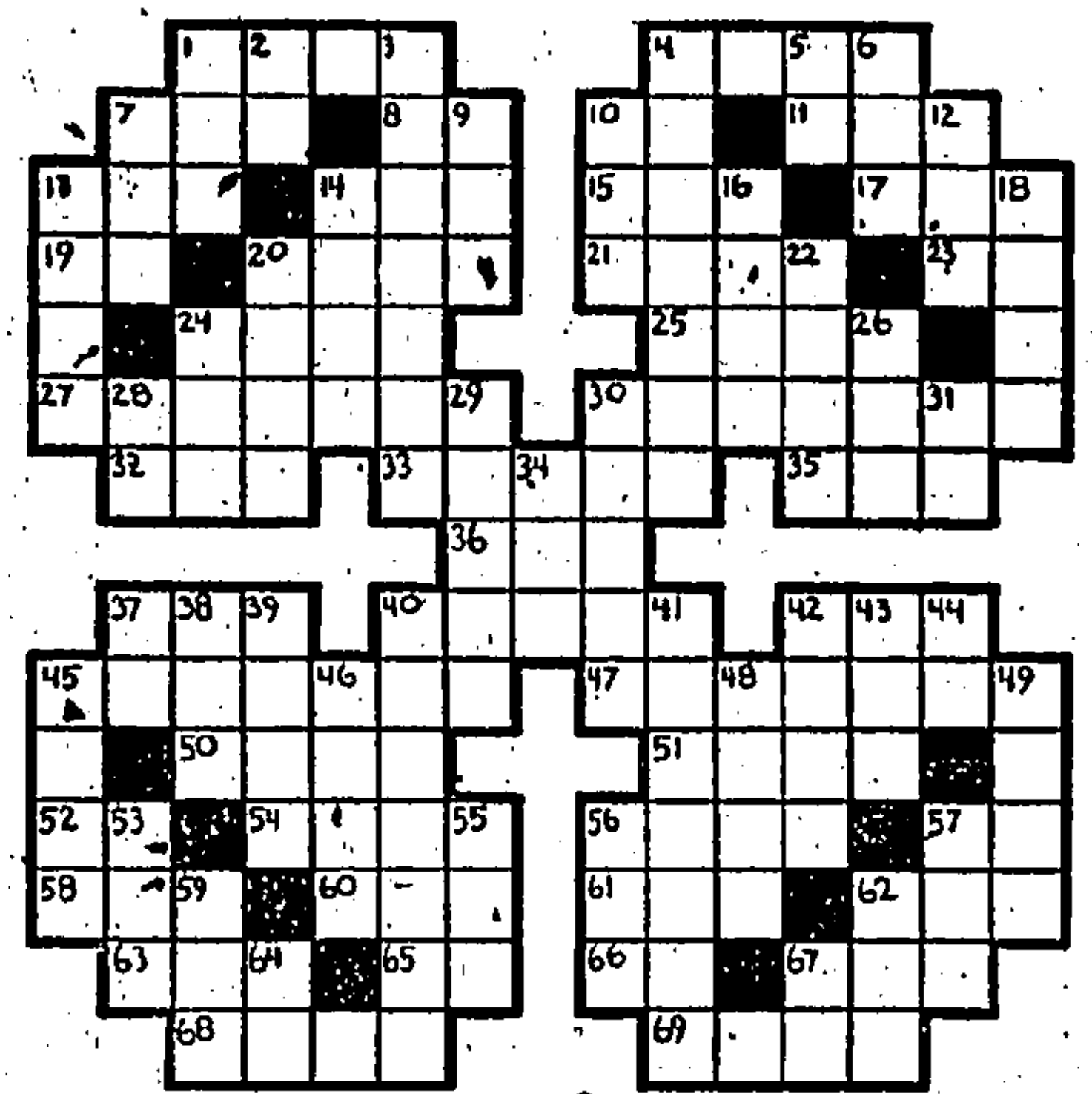
Some of the public may remember King Edward's little terrier Caesar, which was so pathetic a figure at the funeral. The dog was apparently not kept in strict order. When the late King was discussing the treatment of the foreign military delegations at his coronation:

The terrier jumped on to his writing-table. As ill-luck would have it, he upset the inkpot not only over the list which his Majesty had just drawn up, so that a fresh one had to be made, but over the royal hand as well. All true dog lovers find it hard to scold them for accidents, and the King merely said: "Oh, that was very naughty."

"But Gentlemen Marry Brunettes," Mrs. Anita Loos's successor to "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," will appear early in the spring.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1-Styleish
4-Emaciated
7-Projection
8-Proceeding from
10-Eider (abbr.)
11-To be drowsy
13-Bellow of cattle
14-An individual
15-Small barrel
17-Summit
19-Article
20-Beastow excessive love
21-Timber for sails
23-Preceded
24-Sleep lightly
25-Navigate
27-Obstruct
30-Companion
32-Restrain by fear
33-Symbol
35-Self
36-Cotton machine
37-Pernicious
40-Breathes rapidly
42-Plague
45-Robbers on the high seas
47-Witchcraft
50-Upgrade
51-Prize
52-Title of address

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

54-Snare (pl.)
55-Eager
57-Elther
58-Animal's foot
60-Sink
61-Lair
62-Tin container
63-Pastry
65-Empire State (abbr.)
66-Upon
67-Possessive pronoun
68-Ruffian
69-Topic

VERTICAL

1-Domestic animal
2-Personal pronoun
3-Satisfied
4-Betrayer of country
5-Inside
6-Negative
7-Unit of weight
9-Professional charge
10-Vault of heavens
12-Follow persistently
13-Device to produce light
14-Slime
15-Metric unit of weight
16-Prize
18-Church ruler

VERTICAL (Cont.)

20-Bird
22-Distressing
24-Molature
26-Citer
28-Egyptian sun-god
29-Outer garments of old Romans (pl.)
30-Small coin (pl.)
31-Perform
34-Relationship
37-Prefix, Double
38-Dexterity
39-Break of morn
40-Caresing
41-Able to pay debts
42-Run quickly
43-Spread hay
44-Period of time (abbr.)
46-Device for raising water
48-Bound
49-Precipitation
50-Spun thread
53-Knock
55-Secret agent
56-Bustle
57-Implement for rowing
58-Humourist
60-Cleave
64-Ejaculation
67-Bovine animal

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on April 1, 1928:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Tytam	10' 1" B 15' 10" B	
Tytam Byewash	23' 3" B 22' 6" B	
Tytam Intermediate	22' 0" B 22' 6" B	
Tytam Tuk	32' 3" B 43' 1" B	
Wong Nei Chung	15' 0" B 22' 8" B	
Pokfulum	18' 6" B 21' 9" B	

[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"]
Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Tytam	304.39	263.92
Tytam Byewash	1.37	1.67
Tytam Intermediate	93.20	91.40
Tytam Tuk	751.74	578.75
Wong Nei Chung	13.72	8.00
Pokfulum	27.24	21.15

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1927	1928
Consumption	216.75	218.57
Estimated population	410,200	420,520
Consumption per head	17.0	18.7

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts west of Garden-road during March, 1927, and Full Supply in all rider main districts east of Garden-road during March, 1927.

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during March, 1928.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	17' 9" B 11' 3" B	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	21' 5" B 2' 0" B	
Reception Reservoir	2' 4" B 0' 11" B	

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	193.39	245.40
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	28.00	108.00
Reception Reservoir	27.03	30.78

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1927	1928
Consumption	177.45	91.45
Estimated population	159,400	164,400
Consumption per head	15.6	17.0

Full Supply in all districts during March 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to March 31, 1927, 9.20. March 31, 1928, 10.64.

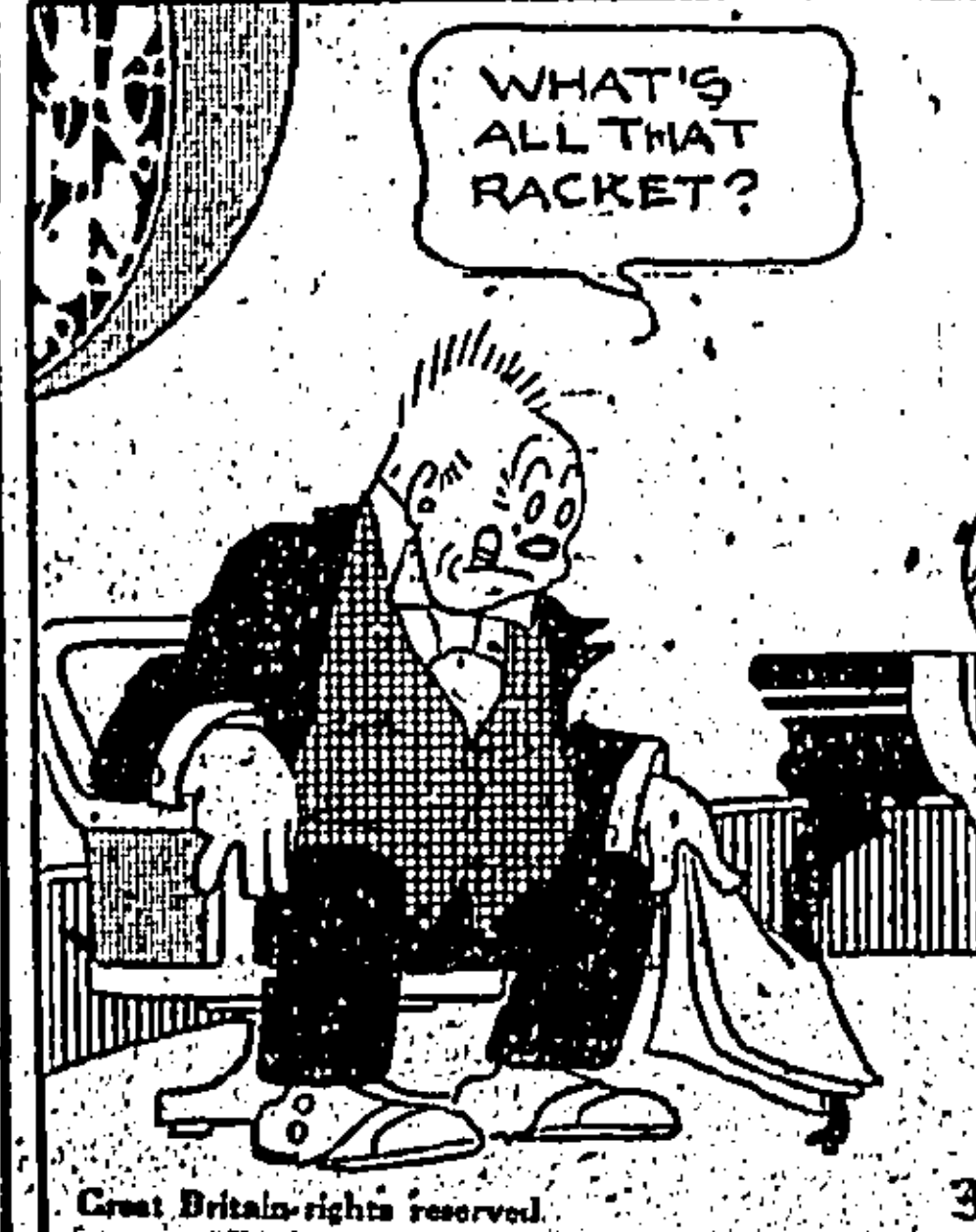
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HENRIK IBSEN.

DRAMATIST'S DEBT TO HIS WIFE.
HIS CENTENARY.

By Bergliot Ibsen, daughter-in-law of Henrik Ibsen, and daughter of the Famous Norwegian novelist, Bjornsterne Bjornson.

Now that Henrik Ibsen's centenary is about to be celebrated, I feel a desire to say a few words about the woman who meant so exceedingly much to him. He himself once said to me, "I could never have done without her greatness."

She was a "gigantic personality." The fear of man was not in her. Compromise was abhorrent to her nature. I have never known a firmer character. She was a curious mixture of self-confidence and self-forgetfulness, on the one hand dictatorial and obstinate, on the other quite devoid of vanity. She hated publicity and consistently avoided making a show of herself. It was enough for her to know what she had been to her husband. That is the reason why the public know so little about her and the influence she exerted over him.

Though producing no literary work herself, she had a special gift for stimulating others. And what a splendid listener she was! She possessed an ardent enthusiasm which was enough to inspire any artist. "What wonderful tales she herself could tell! There was a fund of imagination in them which I shall never forget."

Sound Literary Judgment.

Ibsen had a high opinion of her literary judgment, and read his plays to her act by act as he finished them. To me he once said, "She and Sigurd are the only persons whose judgment I value." And they were, in fact, the only persons with whom he spoke without reserve and for whom he really cared.

Even in her childhood she had a passion for books. I think she would have made a splendid librarian. She and my mother were friends as children, and they used to sit on a sofa, back to back, devouring novels. She was very widely read, and often she called Ibsen's attention to works he would not have become acquainted with but for her.

At first he had no sympathy with the emancipation of women, whereas she was all aflame with enthusiasm, after having read Stuart Mill's "The Subjection of Women," and it was she who little by little converted him to the idea by her influence through the years. The result is already apparent in "Pillars of Society," and with even greater plainness in "A Doll's House."

In the poem "Tak" (Thanks), included in his collected poems, he has expressed what she meant to him, and two of its stanzas are inscribed on her tombstone. He showed it her smilingly, saying, "Do you know to whom this was written? Read the title backwards." Kat was the pet name he gave her when they were young.

Love at First Sight.

They first met at an evening party in her home at Dean Thorsen's. That same night he wrote a poem to her saying that if she would accompany him through life, he might do great things in the world. While they were engaged, he sent her several poems, but they have not been preserved. She destroyed them shortly before her death, for she thought that "the relations between us do not concern anybody."

At that very time "Fru Inger til Ostraa" was first produced at Bergen. He said to her, "Now you are Elise, but one day you will be Fru Inger." Twenty years later the German edition of the play was published and he made her a present of a copy which the following dedication:—

To this book you have the sole right of proprietorship.

For you are indeed descended from the race of the Ostraa. He did not draw her portrait in any of the figures he subsequently created, but he repeatedly used traits and phrases characteristic of her. Those who were intimate with her could easily recognise them in Lone Hessel, in Nora, in Fru Alving.

She was very peculiar. For instance, on his seventieth birthday the theatre invited them to a gala performance, and she answered, "One box for my husband, and one for myself. Ibsen must sit by himself." On the same occasion a torchlight procession marched up in front of the house. I can still see him going up to her with his little tripping gait, saying, "Won't you come to the window with me?" and hear her answer, "No, you must stand there alone."

Animated Discussions.

I have never in any place heard such animated discussions as at the house of my parents-in-law. It was a rule they were about literary, but sometimes about history

HOTEL EVIDENCE.

JUDGES ON DOUBTFUL DIVORCE EVIDENCE.
MECHANICAL CASES.

Mrs. Annie Feitelson, of Hewitt-read, Belize-park, N.W., petitioned for a decree nisi for the dissolution of her marriage with Mr. Adolph Feitelson on the ground of his adultery. The suit was defended, and evidence was given by the petitioner and by Charles Arthur Eames, a floor waiter at the Grosvenor Hotel, and Mr. George Jenkins, the assistant manager. At the close of the case Mr. Justice Bateson said: "People go to hotels and stay the night there with a woman, and they say adultery has been committed. In this case it was argued that adultery must be inferred, but I rather demur. I have had two cases recently where it has been proved to my satisfaction that the husband had gone to an hotel and stayed the night with a woman and yet had not committed adultery. Petitioner has sent an hotel bill which might be only a 'frame up,' and I ought to satisfy myself where there is only one incident like this."

Ultimately a decree nisi with costs was granted.

The President adjourned two petitions in which evidence was called from hotels to prove the charges of adultery made.

His lordship said he would not be a party to any mechanical proceedings if he was aware of it.

and politics. I recollect that sometimes during a discussion at table they would grow furious. And then, in the middle of the worst tumult of emotions, you could hear her say in the kindest voice, "Please pass me the bread, Ibsen," with which request he complied with equal amiability. But so soon had this been done than the heated conversation was resumed.

She often told me about the time when they were young and had to live on very plain fare. When Ibsen wrote "Brand" while staying at Aricia, they had nothing but dry bread and grapes for supper. Their dinner she cooked in a tavern, where she was allowed a corner of the kitchen range. She was a splendid cook, and he was so fond of the food she made that she had to cook for him till his death.

"Brand" was posted, and now they waited in suspense for the answer from Gyldenal. "We had to wait for months," she said, "for Hegel was not sure that the play was good enough."

Industry and Frugality.

Then the Storting granted him a poet's pension of 1,600 kroner, and both he and she wondered how on earth they were to spend all that money. In the course of time he made a modest fortune—though rich, as people thought he was, he never became. However, the making of this fortune was not his work alone, she helped him by her industry and frugality and the work of a lifetime. Even up to his fiftieth year they always travelled third class. He did not like it, but she had her way on this point.

When she grew older she suffered much from rheumatism, was often in great pain, and could hardly walk. For fourteen long years she was tied to her apartment in Arbinsgate. But she never complained, gave no sign of her sufferings, and cut you short when you inquired about her health. Once, for instance, a lady called who advised her to go into the country, as she thought she needed a change of air. "I cannot help laughing when I think of the way she cut short her good advice. For she answered with the greatest composure, 'I have in my time lived so much in the Alps, and have had so much fresh air there, that now I need no more.'"

It was a great grief to her that she could not go to Ibsen's grave. I know she tried to go there one day, but could not get down stairs for pain. To me she only said that no doubt she would go there one day, but not until she went for good.

During his illness Ibsen lived in continual anxiety lest she should die first. He said, "If you die before me, I shall die five minutes after." His last words to her the night before he died were, "How sweet and good you have been to me!"

Two days before her death she said to me with difficulty, "When we were young, many so-called friends came to see Ibsen, but I got rid of them." And, after a pause, "I was much abused for it, but I did not care; he had to have peace for his work."

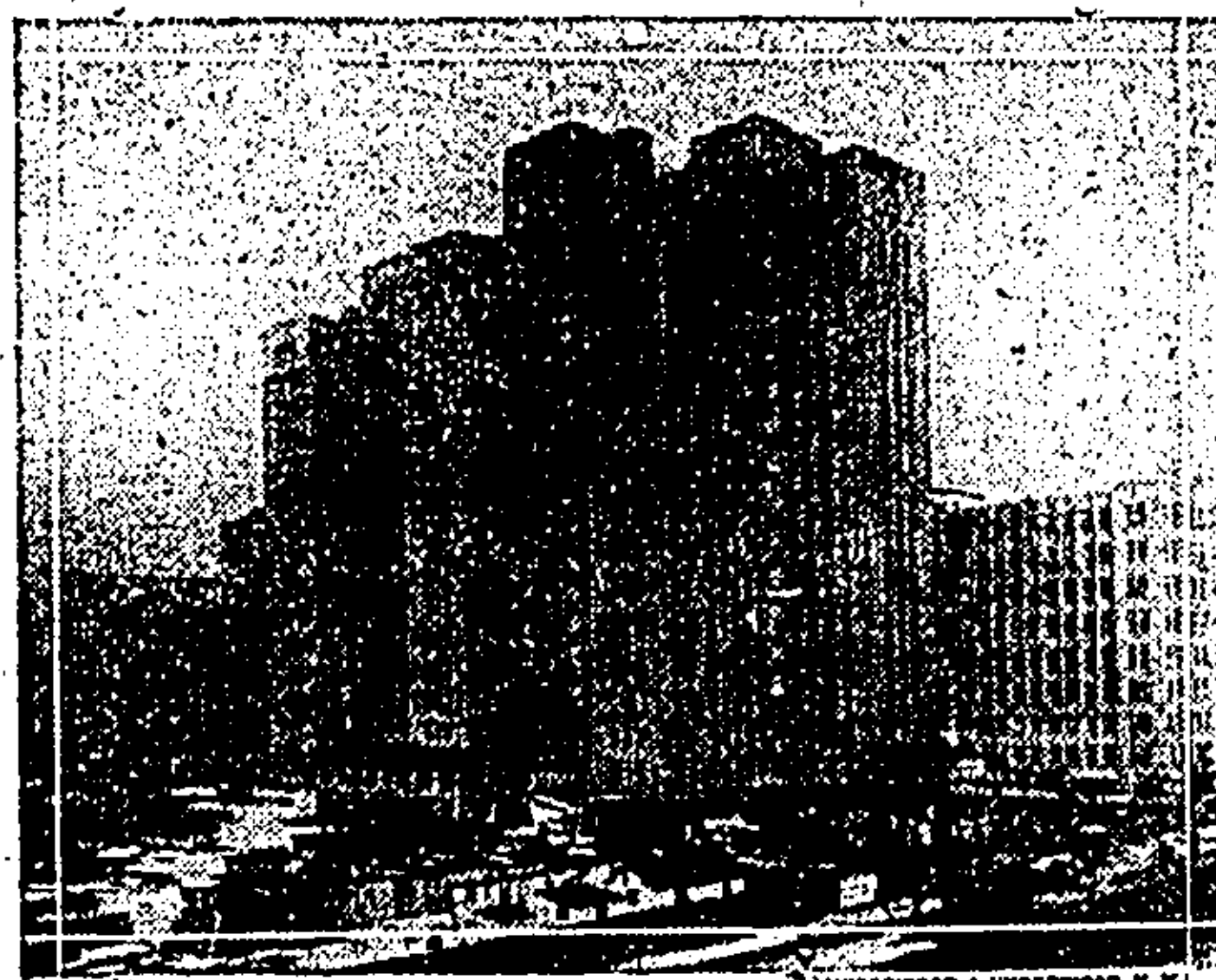
Once she said, "I have never lain ill in bed one single day, and I will not die there either. I will die sitting or standing and she did sit in her armchair, 78 years old, and I lost my best friend."

YOUNG BRIDE.

THE SENTENCE ON PALMER.
7 YEAR'S P. S.

A sentence of seven years' penal servitude was passed by the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) at the Old Bailey on Charles Jackson Palmer, 59, medical electrician, of Upper Brook-street, Mayfair, who was found guilty of the manslaughter of Mrs. Elsie Alice Goldsmith, 21, the wife of a former Paymaster-Commander in the Navy, of Gordon-square, W.C. Evidence was given at the trial that Mrs. Goldsmith, a bride of only ten weeks, feared motherhood. She died in the consulting-room at Palmer's establishment on November 21. The defence was that she went there for electrical treatment, but the jury found that she died as the result of an illegal operation.

According to the police, Palmer



New York.—A general view of the largest collection of hospitals and training schools in the world, the new Medical Centre, which, when completed, will cover an area of 20 acres on Washington Heights.

for some years had had a genuine business as a medical electrician among well-to-do people, but for the past fifteen or eighteen months he had been suspected of being a party to performing illegal operations.

Mr. Percival Clarke said that in regard to Palmer's statement of the way in which the lady had lived, he wished to draw his lordship's attention to the possibility of his thinking it a case where Palmer should be called upon to pay some part of the costs of the prosecution.

The Lord Chief Justice, passing sentence, said: "The officer who gave his evidence so fairly concerning you, mentioned certain suspicions that you had for some time past been carrying on the trade of abortion. I shall deliberately put out of my mind suspicions and rumours of suspicions. It is right that I should direct my attention to the evidence and to the evidence in this case alone. That evidence convinces me that you were carrying on the trade of abortion. It was as a person carrying on that trade that you were consulted by Mrs. Goldsmith. It was as a person carrying on that trade that you treated her."

"Such persons undoubtedly subject their patients or clients to very grave risks, and it is right that all of them, wherever they may be in this country, should

BRIGHTER SUNDAY.

THE NEW DINNER-CONCERTS IN LONDON.
HOTEL ATTRACTIONS.

Sunday night, formerly the dull-est of the week in London, has become one of the most attractive. This is owing to the campaign of the directors of the great West End hotels to make bright what previously was notorious for its atmosphere of lonely boredom.

Some hotels have instituted dinners at which table decorations are unusually attractive; others give expensive souvenirs to the women guests. The directors of the May Fair Hotel have gone to greater lengths in the case of this Brighter Sunday movement, and have instituted a series of first-class dinners following an unusually good dinner. Signor Tito Schipa, the tenor, sang from his extensive repertoire to a brilliant audience.

SPANISH OIL.

KING ALFONSO AND OIL FIRMS.
PROMISES FAIR PLAY.

H.M. King Alfonso in the course of a conversation which he had had with the French Ambassador some days before had not upheld the arbitrary procedure followed by the Spanish Administration in expropriating, without simultaneous compensation, and without even proper valuation, the French oil companies, under the new Monopoly legislation. His Majesty expressed the assurance that justice would be done to the companies in question.

It would now appear (says the "Daily Telegraph") Madrid correspondent) that the Spanish ruler's intervention, coupled with the vigorous protests of Paris and Washington, has not been without some influence on the Spanish Cabinet's attitude. Indeed, a slight improvement in the situation is now reported. For General Primo de Rivera has promised that the Central Valuation Commission will act in a judicial spirit, and that the protests and submissions of the representative of the foreign companies will be duly incorporated in the minutes of the Commission's proceedings.

Following upon this promise by the head of the Spanish Government, the French and American companies are instructing their delegates, whom they had previously withdrawn from the Valuation Commission, to participate once more in its labours. This, however, is on the understanding that General Primo de Rivera's assurance may be taken to cover the "industrial value" of the expropriated establishments as going concerns. Some doubt still persists, however, as to whether Spanish officialdom will, in practice, be found to have adopted the same view, which differs so widely from its previous attitude.

British Firms' Position.

So far as can be ascertained, the British companies similarly affected are disinclined to allow their representatives to take their seats on the Commission unless and until they receive absolute assurances that the "industrial value" of the expropriated establishments will be reckoned in their right to compensation. British diplomacy still refrains from supporting British interests by action as energetic as that employed by the Quai d'Orsay and the State Department in defence of their respective nationals. On the other hand, gratification is expressed in both British diplomatic and business circles at the sympathetic manner in which M. Briand and the French Government have received the recent British representations on the subject of the proposed French legislation (and notably the Charlot Bill) to restrict the future importing activities of British and other foreign oil companies in France.

The French refiners as a whole would favour the extreme measures advocated in the Charlot Bill against foreign importers. But the French group associated with the working of the Mosul oilfields pointed out to the French Government that their own position in the Turkish Petroleum Company would become exceedingly difficult if their partners were unfairly treated in France.

BRITISH AVIATION.

GIANT MONOPLANE'S GREAT-EST WING SPAN.
RECENT TRIALS.

London, March 5. Eyewitnesses of trials of the Air Ministry's giant all-metal monoplane "Inflexible," with the world's greatest wing span, 150 feet, and a deadweight carrying capacity of 15 tons, say that the most vivid impression of its size was the spectacle of a man running down the broad back of the fuselage to check the rudder controls, as casually as a passenger descending a ship's gangway. Among the innovations are brakes fitted to its landing wheels, which are 7 1/2 feet high. These pulled up the "Inflexible" within 300 feet of landing.

Route via N. Zealand. The purposes for which the Air Ministry proposes to employ the machine remain a secret.

Airship Services. The Director of Civil Aviation (Sir Sefton Branker) in an address to the Institute of Transport to-day, said that the first regular airship route would probably be to Canada, for which two airships, each carrying 100 passengers, were now under construction. They were likely to commence operations in 1928, and the route would be via the Azores. A service to Egypt might also be organised.

He added that the airships would not compete with the shipping services, but would be a useful supplement.

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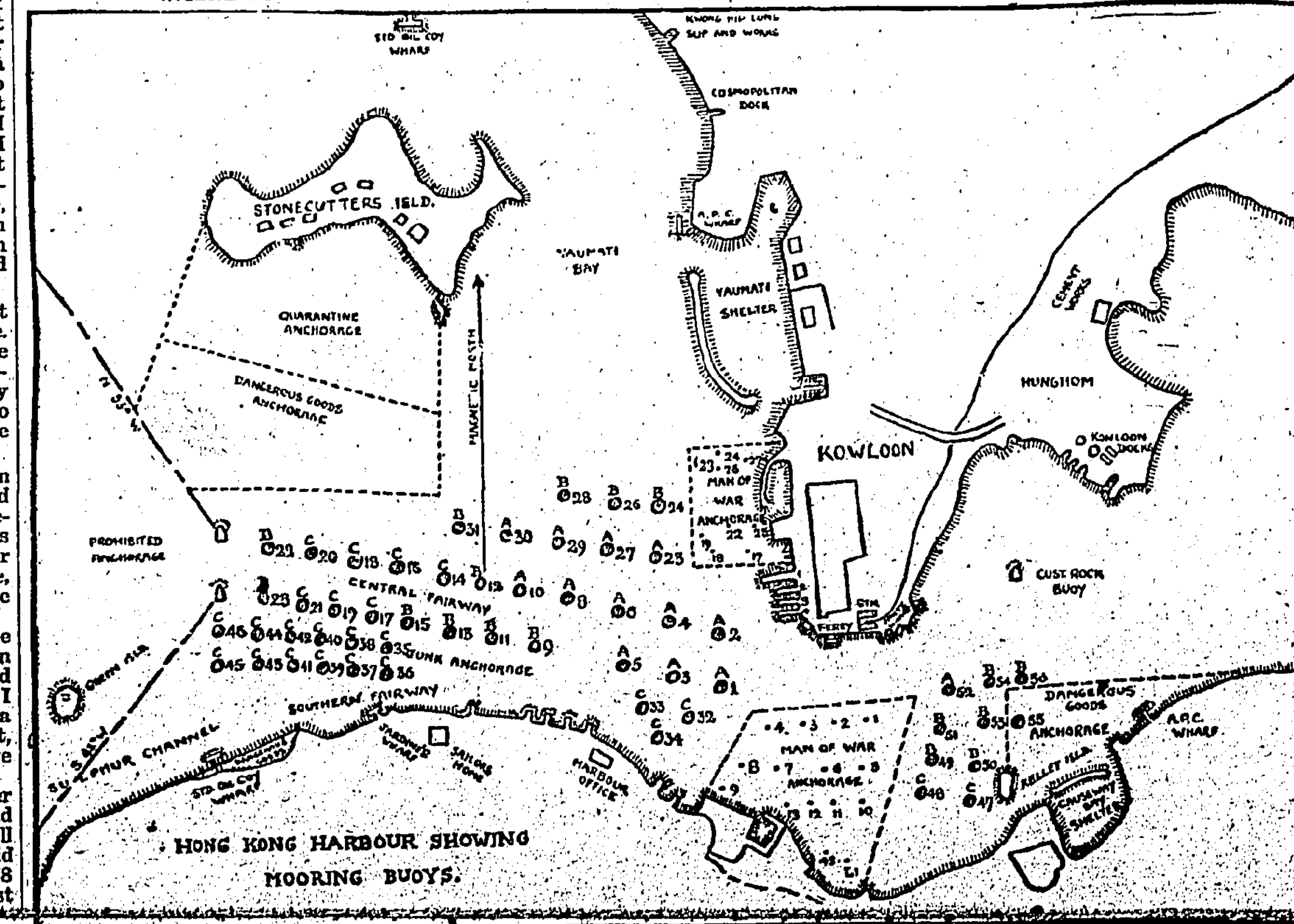
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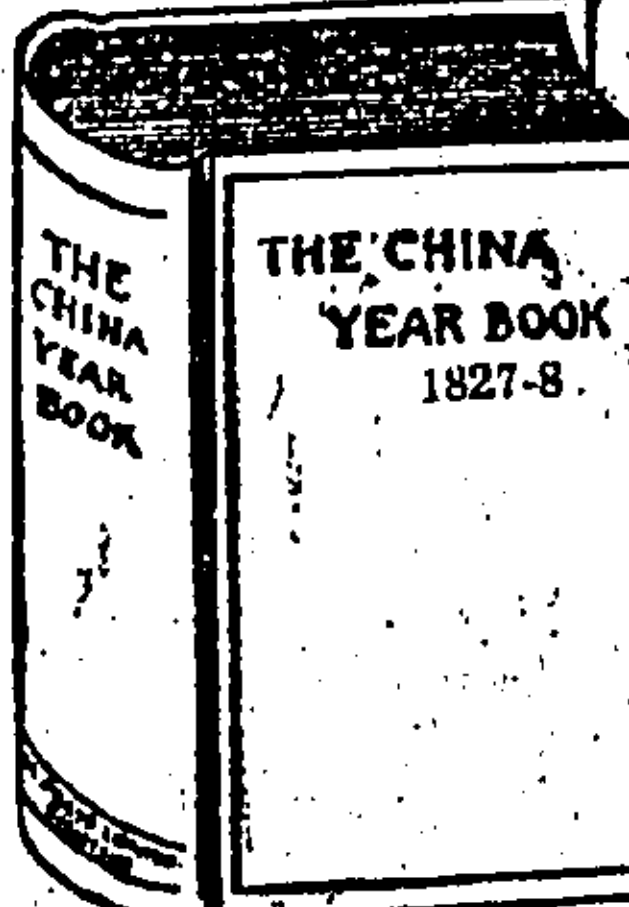
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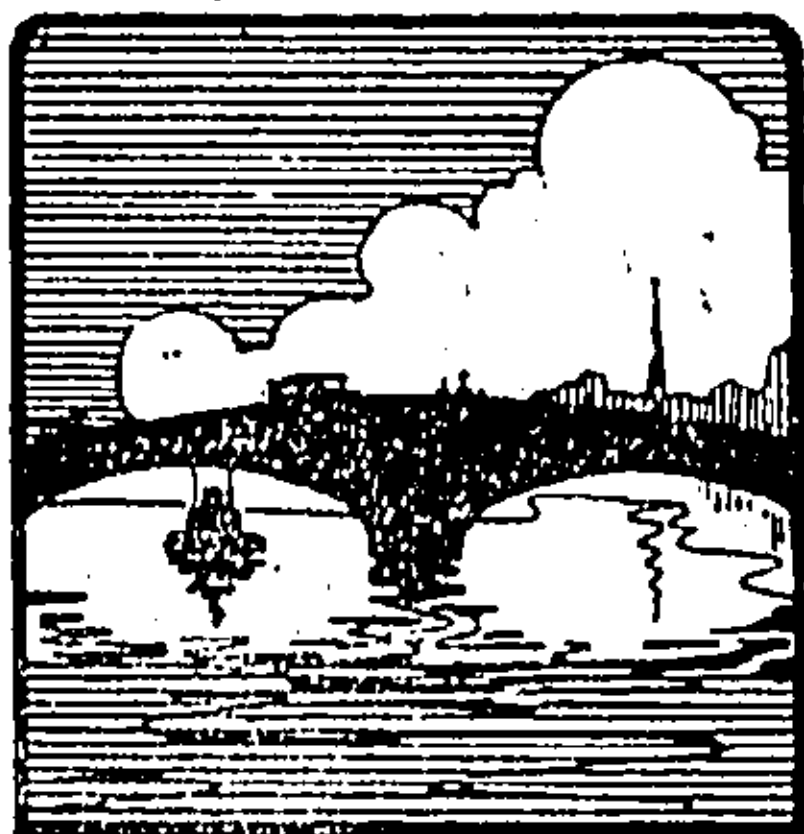
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WEEKLY SERVICE.

The Air Estimates (wrote the "Daily Telegraph's" Parliamentary correspondent recently) yielded a first-rate debate, not in the oratorical sense (for there was no oratory), but in the more useful sense of an interchange of ideas. There was more fresh original thinking in it than goes to a couple of Army debates or a dozen Navy debates.

Indeed, the air seems to have a peculiar faculty of provoking marked divergencies of thought and of breaking through the accepted conventions. So would the birds if they were to take part in a council of the great cats and carnivores, of whose methods our tactics and strategy until quite recently were only elaborated imitations.

In the middle of the debate came the news of Lieutenant Kinkaid's death. It was like a speech made sub silentio.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Minister of Air, has a manner that is in curious contradiction with his matter. The manner is, mining, almost old-maidish; the thought is clear and downright. His speech to-day was a carefully thought out essay, rather than a departmental speech. Throughout he seemed to feel the necessity for continually justifying himself against the two older departments of defence. He is a romanticist in the sense in which no War Minister or First Lord of the Admiralty ever is. He is by the very nature of his office an innovator and a pioneer of new ideas, many of which, it should be added, not only the Minister, but Lady Maude Hoare, too, test by personal experience.

Annihilator of Distance.

The longest section of his speech to-day dealt with the airship, which he regards primarily as the great annihilator of distance and unifier of Empire. If only it can be made safe and trustworthy, it can carry passengers in comfort, mails in quantity, and, with its immense range, can be independent of contact with foreign countries.

All this led up to the announcement that he hoped shortly to begin a weekly mail service by airship to India which would save ten days between Calcutta and London. The Persian Government, it seems, has unexpectedly placed difficulties in the way at the last moment, but these can be overcome or evaded by the choice of some other route.

Sir Samuel had comparatively little to say on the military side of aviation, though he told us of an increase of strength, amounting to four squadrons, at cost less than last year's provision.

The second half of his speech was an elaborate defence of the Air Ministry as a separate department, and of service in the air as a career for young men that was now stabilised. He also gave an account of some new progress of air science—notably in the substitution of metal for wood in aeroplanes, the invention of the "slotted-wing" machine, which diminishes greatly the risk of crashes, and in the development of flying-boats, on which he spoke with enthusiasm.

Chocolate or Dynamite.

Mr. Dalton opened the discussion from the Labour benches in one of those fluent, accomplished speeches in which the second half cancels out what was said in the first half. Very different was the speech of Captain Guest, an anti-Lloyd George Liberal, who usually votes Conservative. He spoke to-day with quite remarkable forcefulness, accused Sir Samuel Hoare of having "a department of dynamite," and talking about it "as though it was chocolate cream."

He maintained that we were falling behind in our air services and that much more rapid progress was being made in America, France, and Germany. His grievance is not that we are spending too much, but spending too little.

Vision of Next War.

That was also the view of Mr. John Buchan, who spoke later in the debate. He argued that if we were going to economise, far better to do it at the expense of the Army and Navy. We were not spending enough on the Air Service. The next war would not be a prolonged tug-of-war like the last. It would strike at the nerve centres.

Napoleon was wrong. Our business in war was not to seek out the enemy's forces and defeat them, but to break the enemy's morale at the lowest cost to ourselves. The next war would begin with a struggle for supremacy in the air, and its result might settle the entire war before fleets and armies could come into touch.

Air was the least costly form of defence, and the most elementary and vital. Mr. Buchan quoted figures to show how it had reduced the cost of our defence in Mesopotamia and Trans-Jordan, so that what would have cost £20,000,000 now cost under £3,000,000.

Mr. Buchan has not quite got

FLEET STREET!"QUEX" OF THE "EVENING
NEWS."

A TRIBUTE.

Few journalists have been treated to such a coming-of-age party as was assembled at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, recently to do honour to "Quex," of the London "Evening News" (Capt. G. H. F. Nichols), in celebrating his 21 years in Fleet-street.

The Earl of Birkenhead was in the chair, and among the guests were distinguished authors, soldiers, actors, journalists, and M.P.s.

As Mr. Edgar Wallace wittily expressed it, no one but "Quex" could have put Mr. Arnold Bennett and Mr. Jack Joel on nodding terms or brought Mr. Gordon Selfridge to sit beside a large shareholder in Whiteleys.

Lord Dewart, one of a score or so who wrote regretting their absence, declared, "To be noted and noticed by 'Quex' is to have achieved fame, if not immortality."

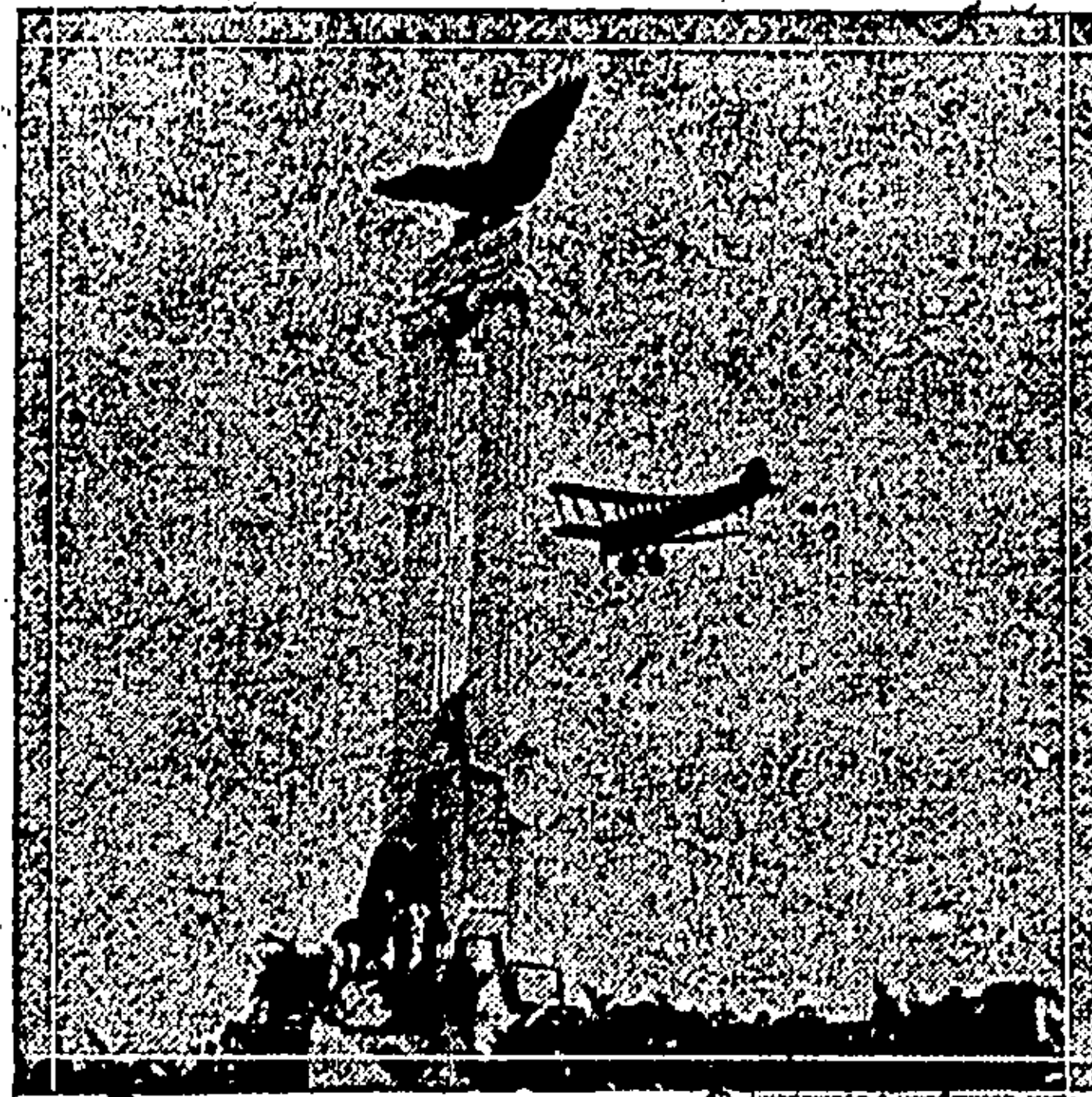
Lord Birkenhead, in toasting "Quex," said that it was the gift of their guest that, without ever degrading his paragraphs to the level of sugary flattery, he never disfigured them by either vulgarity or malice.

His pen indeed was kindly, but was never obsequious. He preserved a poise very remarkable in one who dealt with topics in which a very slight error of taste in a detail might mar the quality of the contribution as a whole.

He had an intuitive insight into that which might be said by a well-bred man of the world and that which might not be said; he had a perspective and a correlation which have been conceded to very few who have committed their barques to those perilous and shallow waters.

"Quex," in returning thanks, touched on the inspiration he received from "The Daily Mail" while on the threshold of a career in Nottingham.

A silver cigar box of generous size was presented to him by his friends.



Havana, Cuba.—A Cuban Army airplane circling the Maine Monument here on the thirtieth anniversary of the sinking of the battleship which caused the Spanish-American War, and the consequent independence of Cuba. The flyer dropped flowers on the monument.

rid of the intoning, parsonical manner, but he is one of the most thoughtful and original of our speakers.

Anti-Airship Crusade.

Colonel Moore Brabazon also distinguished himself to-day. He harked back to the old complaint that the three departments of defence have to be discussed separately instead of as parts of a whole. Really he was reviving the old idea of Lord Randolph Churchill for a single Ministry of Defence. That was rejected recently by the Cabinet Committee of Defence.

The Opposition showed itself not so much unsympathetic with Sir Samuel Hoare as hostile to the development of air-power. Mr. Rose, who has one of the most vigorous and independent minds on the Labour benches, continued his crusade against the airship, which he regards as mechanically unsound and financially extravagant. He is wrong, however, in thinking that anyone ever proposed to entrust our defence to airships.

Disarmament Call.

The official Labour motion, moved by Mr. Barnes (a Co-operative Labour member), denounced air warfare as a menace to civilisation, and urged the Government to take the initiative in putting a programme for the abolition of military and naval air forces and for putting civil aviation under international control.

Few would be found to maintain that the conquest of the air had not been on balance a curse for mankind, but these worthy aspirations after disarmament would seem to be of doubtful relevance to estimates which have to deal with the world as it is and not as it ought to be.

"BIGGEST STORE."MR. SELFTRIDGE HAS HUGE
PLANS.

TWO-ACRE EXTENSION.

By the acquisition, as opportunity offers, of approximately two acres of land, forming practically a square in rear of the existing Selfridge Block in Oxford-street, Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge has in view an extension which, in his own words, will make the concern "the biggest store in the world."

In an interview with a representative of the "Daily Telegraph" he said: "A business like ours in a city such as London is capable of indefinite extension. Our plans are not yet complete, but if we get the land we want, we shall extend the store over the whole area. But the matter of negotiation is full of complications, and may take a long time—it may be years."

Mr. Selfridge was not prepared to discuss the question of cost, but it is obvious that, apart from the erection of new buildings, when the time comes, a very large sum of money must be involved in dealing with various interests, and that the process must be a gradual one.

The area covered by the scheme is bounded on the south by Somerset-street—on the other side of this thoroughfare is the Selfridge building—on the west by Orchard-street, on the north by Wigmore-street, and on the east by Duke-street. Mr. Selfridge has already secured Somerset-street, and a number of the small Georgian houses have been in the occupation of the firm for some time. The Duke-street side, too, it is understood, is under his control, as is much of the Wigmore-street section, and he holds ground leases in Orchard-street. All of the property is leasehold, and is largely on the Portman estate.

Negotiations have yet to be effected in regard to the remainder of Wigmore-street and Orchard-street. Among the lessees or under-lessees are business firms, private residents, hotel and shop keepers, and with all of these arrangements have to

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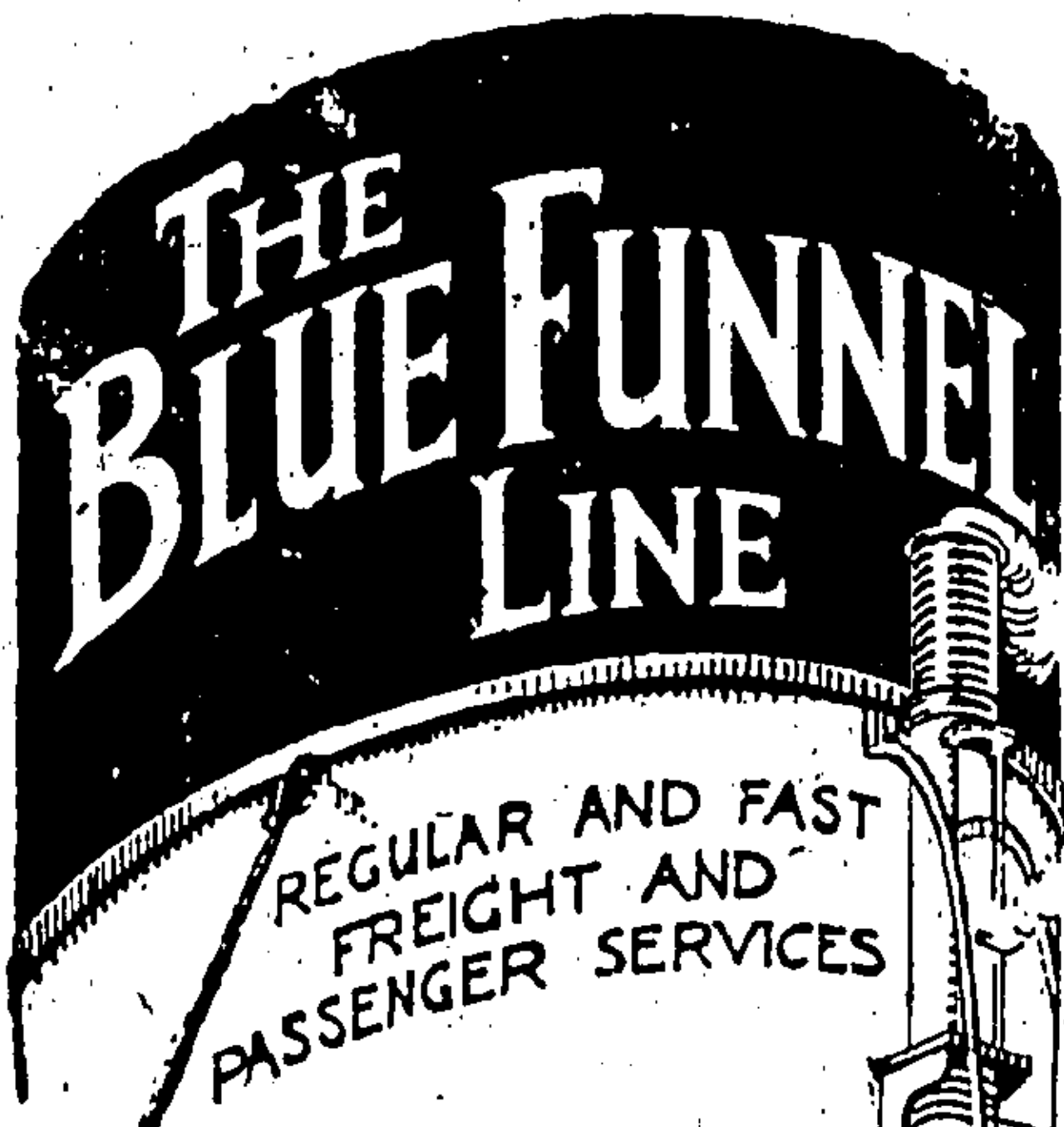
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A direct service to Yunnan Province has been opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word, no charge will be collected from the addresses in Yunnan. The service is however liable to interruption owing to atmospheric disturbances and messages are accepted at senders' risk.

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MONDAY, APRIL 23.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft
Manila	Pres. Jackson
Saigon	Capitaine Faure
Shanghai	Taming
TUESDAY, APRIL 24.	
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THURSDAY, APRIL 26.	
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Klungchow and Haiphong	New Mathilde 5 p.m.
Japan	Lus Vegas 6 p.m.
Pakhoi	Kwang Peh 6 p.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok	Kalgan 9 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 23.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Bintang 10.30 a.m.
Mauritius via Saigon	Tin How 12.30 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan and Rabaul	Calulu 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Canada, Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 17th May and Europe via Siberia. Parcel 5 p.m. Registration (Apr. 24th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Apr. 24th) 10.30 a.m.	President Jackson

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LIEUT. KINKEAD.

Verdict: Death By Misadventure.

MACHINE FAULTLESS.

Aviator Not Affected By Machine's Fumes.

London, Yesterday.
The verdict at the inquest on the death of Flight-Lieut. Kinkead was "death by misadventure."
Major Cooper, Inspector of Accidents of the Air Ministry, testified that the machine was faultless. He believed that Kinkead had decided to abandon the attempt, and misjudged the height from the water on attempting to alight. Major Cooper was definitely of opinion that Kinkead was not affected by fumes in the slightest and said that another attempt to break the record would be made and that everything possible would be done to prevent accidents.—Reuter.

LOVER OF 82.

LADY SAID HE WAS "SO SLOW."

BREACH OF PROMISE.

Counsel: When has he [a man of 32] refused to marry you?
Single Woman of 85, suing for damages for breach of promise: He has not absolutely refused, but he has had long enough time to be shaping.
Counsel: Did you propose to him?
The Woman: Ladies have to shake men up sometimes when they are so slow.

There were many amusing moments in a case at Lancaster Assizes in which the foregoing dialogue occurred. It resulted in the award of £50 damages to Miss Margaret Ann Thomson, a fancy goods dealer, of Great Eccleston, against James Robinson, a retired stone-mason, of Church-street, Silverdale, narrates the "Daily News."

He Came Bringing Gifts.

They met in the summer of 1915, when she was 43 and he was 70. An ardent wooer, he called for her daily at eight in the morning, always bringing either eatables or flowers.
As he could not write, a friend called Mrs. Fleming—whom Mr. Justice Rigby Swift described as "Cupid"—wrote his love letters for him.

Mr. Jolly, for Miss Thomson, said Mr. Robinson in 1926 cooled off, and had refused to carry out the engagement.

Mr. Goldie (for Mr. Robinson): We are still willing to carry out the contract.

Mr. Jolly: So are we.

Counsel as Bridesmaid.

His Lordship: Had we better not adjourn and sit in another building which is just outside (the parish church)?—If they want a best man and a bridesmaid I am sure Mr. Goldie and you will oblige.
Mr. Robinson, a fresh-complexioned man looking much younger than his years, said he had land in Canada for which he was asking £4,000. If there had been a quick sale, there would have been a quick marriage.

Mr. Goldie: Would you marry her to-morrow if you could afford to keep a wife?

Mr. Robinson: Yes, happen before to-night. (Laughter.)

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR APRIL 23.

At 9 a.m. on St. George's Day (April 23) the President of St. George's Society of Hong Kong will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph. The Committee hope that as many members as possible will attend.
By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Boyd, D.S.O., and Officers the Band of the 1st. Battn. The Queen's Royal Regiment will play the Retreat on the Cricket Club Ground (by courtesy) at 5.30 p.m. (weather permitting).
The Hong Kong Cricket Club have kindly placed their stand at the disposal of the public.
The Committee and Members of the Society will be "at Home" to H.M. Forces at 9.30 p.m. in the Queen's and Star Theatres.

FLYING BACK.

What the "Bremen" Will Attempt.

TO GERMANY.

Pressmen And Cinema-men Stranded In Snowstorm.

Greenly Island, Yesterday.
Koehl announces that the German airmen will attempt to fly back in the "Bremen" to Germany.
Unlucky News-Gatherers.

Quebec, Yesterday.
A snowstorm has forced down 20 miles north-east of Murray Bay a Canadian seaplane returning from Greenly Island with pressmen and cinematographers.—Reuter's American Service.

Ford Monoplane Going.

New York, Yesterday.
A giant Ford monoplane has been chartered by New York interests and has left Detroit with supplies for Murray Bay where she will pick up spare parts and a pilot to proceed to Greenly Island.—Reuter's American Service.

TURNS UP TRUMPS.

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south of Tsinanfu, where the Railway crosses the Yellow River. Another 200 miles further north is Peking, the goal.

Formidable Obstacle.

The railway bridge at Tsinanfu is 4,032 feet long. The width of the Yellow River may present a formidable obstacle to the Nationalists in their march.

Then in Chihli province Marshal Chang Tso-lin has several army corps of his own (Fengtien) troops from Manchuria. Some of the units are engaged in the south of the province against the Kuomintang's offensive from Honan. Others are in the west of Chihli, in Lat. 38 north, hammering away (along the Chengting-Taiyuan Railway) at that part of the Great Wall which separates Shansi from Chihli.

General Yen Hsi-shan, known as the "model tuchun," rules Shansi province. He declared for the Nationalists a year ago and has been at war with Peking, on and off, for more than six months. The crux of the situation lies in the Shansi sector.

Peking's Position.

Shansi's geographical position is such that any attempt by the Peking leaders to maintain a long line of communications with areas in the south are subject to flank attacks by Shansi. As Shansi's goodwill cannot be obtained, the Peking leaders are now making a serious effort to crush General Yen Hsi-shan. Once this is accomplished, the North-erners will be able to offer organized defence to both the Kuomintang and Kuomintang-Chung in Shantung. If the Shansi menace is not removed, the North-erners have not much hope.

Counter-attacks by the North-erners under Sun Chuan-fang and Chang Tsung-chang have not materialised. Peking's hopes lie, therefore, in the Manchurian army, which is at least 200,000 strong.

The Next Issue.

A reason why Peking is not sending reinforcements to the two Generals in Shantung is that their presence is no longer desired and defeat by an enemy is a convenient means of dismissal. Unless the North-erners in Shantung bring off a forlorn hope, the next issue is between the Nationalist allies and Chang Tso-lin's own Manchurian forces.

Whether the Manchurians will fight in Chihli province—to prevent Peking falling—depends on the result of the drive being waged by them against Shansi. If the Shansi line on the Great Wall is not pierced, the Manchurians (and remnants of other Northern armies) are likely to march eastward from Peking, go outside the Great Wall, and concentrate on holding Manchuria against the Nationalists in China Proper.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 8/16.

S.S. "CAPPADARAN."

Disabled South Of Colombo.

TURBINE TROUBLE.

Tug Proceeding To Her Immediate Assistance.

Colombo, Yesterday.
The French steamer "Cappadaran," from Haiphong, is 18 miles south of Colombo and cannot proceed owing to turbine trouble. She requires towage. A tug will proceed immediately to assist.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC IN STAMPS.

WOMAN'S ACCOUNT OF THREE BAGS FULL.

At the Mansion House recently, before the Lord Mayor (Sir Charles Batho), James Claud Long, stamp dealer, of Fenchurch-street, E.C., was summoned for fraudulently removing stamps from cheques and other documents so that they might be used again and for dealing in stamps, not being licensed.

Mr. Gallaher, prosecuting for the General Post Office, said that for some time there had been an extensive traffic in uncanceled stamps used for revenue purposes, which women employed by waste-paper dealers found on old documents.

Long, when seen by an officer of the Post Office, admitted that in one transaction he had sold stamps of the face value of £3 for 2s.

Julia O'Donnell, a woman employed by a waste-paper dealer, said that on one occasion she and her friends had three bags full of stamps. She sold them to Long. He usually paid half their face value for them.

Long was fined £20 for the fraudulent use of a penny stamp, £20 for the removal of a 6d. stamp, and £20 for dealing in stamps without a licence, or two months' imprisonment for each offence.

Andrew Stevens, stamp dealer, of Fenchurch-street, who was summoned for dealing in stamps without a licence, was fined 40s.

MR. W. H. DUNKLEY.

A MAN OF MANY PARTS PASSES AWAY.

Mr. W. H. Dunkley, whose inventive ingenuity covered a range of mechanical devices from perambulators to tramway-cars, died recently at Rednal Lodge, King's Norton, Birmingham, aged 69.

He was one of the most prolific inventors of his time. Many of his ideas were for smoothing the bumps out of babyhood—he held 64 patents for perambulator springs alone.

He was a native of Manchester, and if he had not noticed how the shafts and seats of the old Manchester tramway-cars were turned at the terminus there might never have been perambulators to-day. He made a vehicle for babies on these lines, a reversible handle enabling infants to be so placed as to look backward or forward.

Fifth Wheel Failure.

He added a fifth wheel to enable the tram to mount kerbs more easily, and then scrapped it. More and more he progressed towards the modern perambulator, using papier-mache for the first effort towards real coachwork. The perambulator of to-day, built on motor-car lines, is largely the result of his work, and he manufactured perambulators propelled by motor-engines.

He was a pioneer motorist. He held a gold medal for his invention nearly 35 years ago of a "motor-car" driven by tubes of compressed air, which he used to drive himself through the streets of Birmingham more than 30 years ago, when the petrol car of to-day was unknown to the masses. Before 1896—when a new law allowed the driving of automobiles up to 14 miles an hour—every "road locomotive" had to be preceded by a person on foot carrying a red flag.

When heavier-than-air flying became possible he experimented with aeroplanes, and built himself a "flying machine," which, however, when completed would not take off.

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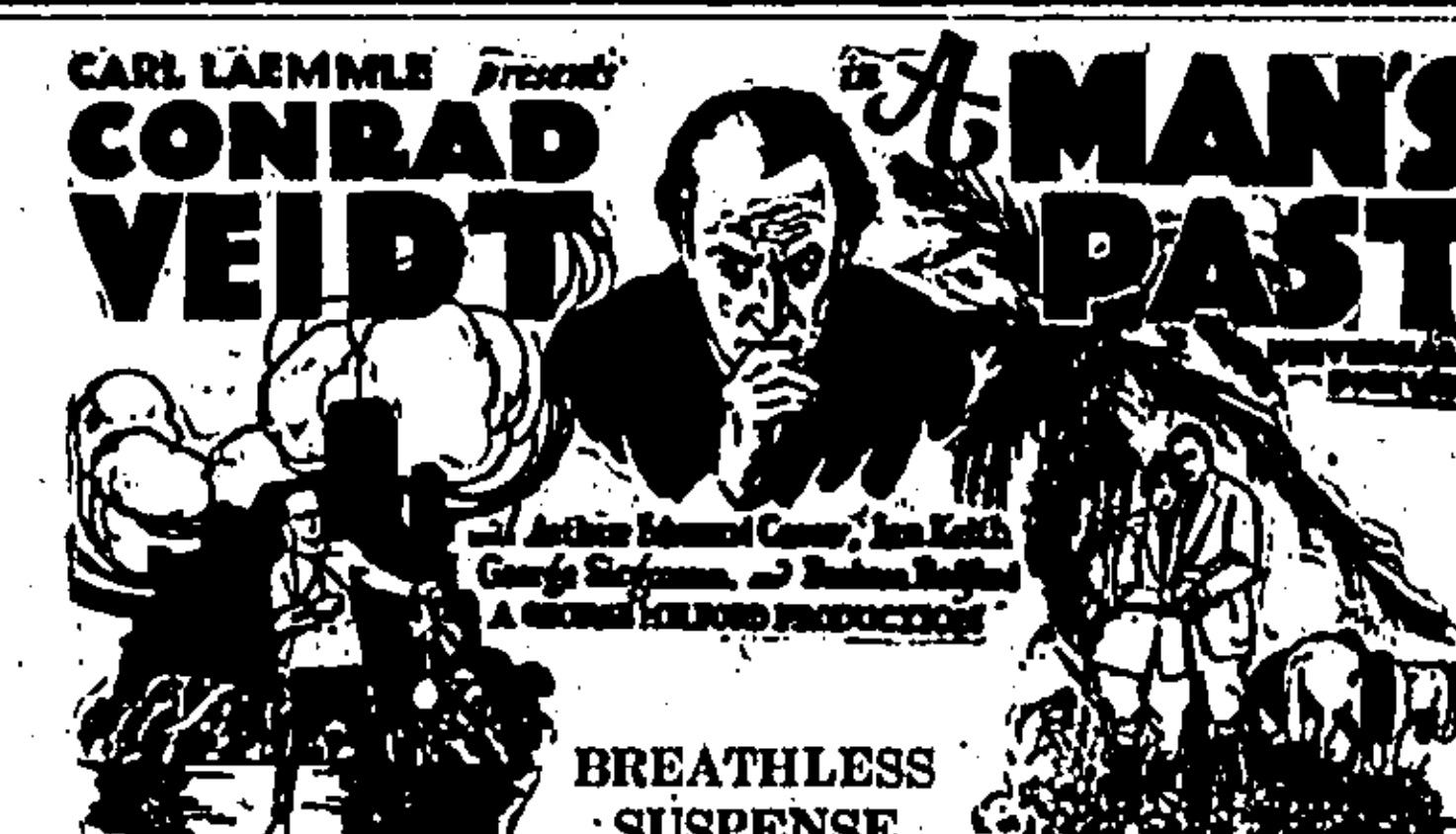
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